

July 15, 2014

AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the flag and moment of silent prayer called by Mayor.

Mayor's Statement – Open Public Meetings Act & Emergency Fire Exits.

In Compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Township Committee was provided in the following manner:

- (A) On July 10, 2014, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
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- (C) On July 10, 2014, copies of advance written notice of this meeting were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notices on or before January 1, 2014.

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<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Committeeman Aagre	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeewoman Ronchetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeeman Sachs	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Deputy Mayor Belasco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor DiNardo	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

195. Award of bid for the 2014 Road Improvement Program.

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre No

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs No

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

196. Award of an RFP to Realty Data Systems for real property data collection.

PULLED

197. Authorizing CME Associates to perform Engineering Services for the Splash Park.

PULLED

198. Authorizing the Hazlet First Aid and Rescue Squad to solicit donations on Highway 36 and Laurel Avenue and Highway 35 and Poole Avenue.

Offered Committeeman Aagre

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

199. Appointment of a Recreation Program Coordinator.

PULLED

Citizens Hearing:

Bill Shewan- In case you did not get it I would like to read it into the record and I know the item was pulled and I am here to discuss with regard to the Spray Park. I had sent out an email today and I know it has been pulled from the agenda

"I and members of the Pool Club Committee have been receiving a lot of questions , feedback etc. regarding the "Spray Park" within the general area of the Club.

I take note a "Special" meeting is scheduled for tonite and one of the items is "Authorizing CME "to move forward with the Engineering portion of the Spray Park. I assume this item does not involve a hearing therefore I am requesting on behalf of our Committee and Members of the the Hazlet Pool and Tennis Club this item be pulled from the agenda to give us an opportunity to discuss in detail with the Mayor & Committee at the next Workshop or at tonight's Workshop. I say next workshop as it appears tonight's a workshop is not scheduled . Tonite a "Special Closed Executive Session is scheduled @ 7:30 with no

Workshop scheduled. There are concerns of the Club Members that should be considered before proceeding with this project.”

I am not going to be long winded tonight so I am going to sit down.

Maureen Miller- I am here tonight because I found out indirectly, I did not read it from the paper that this was being talked about tonight. Usually I do not come to every meeting but when it concerns the pool club I am on the sub-committee that was put into effect by then Mayor Michael Sachs. He had put in the paper that long time members who have lived in the town and have a major concern for this pool club. Still today I am a member and I make sure people at the pool club know to come up to me if there is a problem because I care, I am concerned. We had quite a few things this year put into the pool club and I did not know anything about it. The committee usually gets together with the Township Administrator. This year we did not. I didn't even know who the Township Administrator was and I do now. I was here yesterday to get the minutes so I am prepared for tonight. I am not here to say what I think about what has already been done at the swim club I am here to ask a question why are we putting in a Splash Park and whose idea was it? Where did it come from and who thought about it?

Committeewoman Ronchetti- It has been brought up many times at the Recreation Commission including when I worked there it was one of my babies that I wanted done. Now given the fact that the swim club is now under recreation, that is where it came from again. We all did it together and we all thought that because we have been trying to do this for many years now with the joint effort that is the way to go.

Ms. Miller- Barbara have I ever been at a Recreation Commission meeting?

Committeewoman Ronchetti- I do not remember.

Ms. Miller- Good answer, never. I do know who did go as part of our sub-committee and I will put it on the record Lori Zimmerman.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- She was a commissioner.

Ms. Miller- She was involved in it. She would have been someone to bring back that information and I am letting you know that I never heard about it or never knew about it. I am here every day did not know anything. The only time I was made aware of this was in a meeting with Dennis Pino. Dennis do you remember the shock on my face when you said we have something that is going to be coming up and I am very excited about it and when you said it to me I looked at you and said that does not excite me.

Dennis Pino, Administrator- I do remember that and I do remember after we talked you were happy that a swim club member would not have to pay to get into it separately. Not that we discussed this in any great detail because I am not going to say we did but all the improvements before we made them we reached out to Bill and he invited all the swim club subcommittee and he sent out an email and three of you showed up and went over everything we were talking about doing. We asked for recommendations and just about every recommendation that was given to us we instituted in that particular facility including making repairs that have been requested for over six years. I listened 100% and we did talk about the Splash Park saying we had no idea what type of entity it should be, how it should be connected whether or not it should be included in

memberships and the long and short of it we still don't know exactly. This is something we are just starting to get together because time is always of the essence because in municipal government we cannot work fast. If we started this thing today it may be open for 2015 maybe. If we didn't and waited until next year and went into the budget process we are looking at 2016 maybe and you are probably looking at another \$20-\$30 thousand dollars on top of it. The longer we wait the more this stuff costs. I apologize if anyone got offended by the fact that we talked about putting the Splash Pad next to the swim club. I have talked to numerous people, including the swim club director and everyone seems to think it is a good idea. I reminded everyone that there really truthfully is no swim club subcommittee. We talked about that the night of the meeting.

Ms. Miller- Who said there was no swim club subcommittee?

Dennis Pino, Administrator –We talked about it the night we met. We said there was no formal swim club subcommittee. I had no idea the Recreation Commission had ever talked about a Splash Park. I only know they have talked about it in the past after talking with them recently. It has always been a wish list item and they had nowhere to put it. The logistics is that there is nowhere to put it in Veteran's Park the best place is that corner lot because it has water, sewer, electric and parking and all the facilities we would need so it would be feasible if we had the ability these things get very expensive. I think we have the abilities using in-house staff to do construction work and help with the design to actually build something that would be another gem in the middle of this park. If someone is a swim club member and didn't want to use it they don't have to. That might not even be the spot. Part of this whole plan is to have our engineers look at the plans and let us know if this is the correct spot or if it isn't. Maybe there is another spot that will do. We can spend \$20,000.00 and do a study to find out what every other major municipality found out, people want splash parks and access to the waterways. Those are the two biggest items that come out of the recreation study in Monmouth County. It is a great feature for accessibility standpoints in ADA because there are a lot of people with special needs that can enjoy those parks. If we don't do things in the swim club it will go south.

Committeeman Aagre- This is my tenth year on the committee and I first heard about this splash park two weeks ago.

Ms. Miller- Thank you Scott. Dennis I did call you I do have your cell phone. I did call because in the beginning of the summer when we were open on weekends people were very excited about the Rockwall. Who let us go as a sub-committee?

Administrator Pino- The dissolution of the Recreation Commission abolishes all the other sub committees assigned to it.

Ms. Miller- You said the children in this town want a splash park but then you said most homes in this town have a pool in their own back yard. Is this free for the people of Hazlet?

Mayor DiNardo- The pool club members will have the freedom of the splash park with no extra fees. Anyone who is not a member would have to pay a fee.

Ms. Miller- At the meeting we had you said the people of the swim club would pay a reduced fee.

Administrator Pino- Also at that meeting at the time I mentioned to you that I would love to find a way to reduce all of these fees and open it up to the swim club members.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- Ms. Miller you know I respect you and what you have to say but can you just get to the point as to why you oppose it.

Ms. Miller- I think the spray park is a good idea but a bad location.

Al Aloisi- I have been a member of the swim club for 43 years. I was also named on the sub-committee in 2006 when it was about to close and the rest of the committee and I have worked hard to try and keep it open and we have been solid ever since. Regardless of whether the splash park is going in or not that club is working even better because the advisory committee was involved. Why was the committee not used in the last couple of years?

Administrator Pino- The committee was used before we went into any sort of repairs or improvements.

Mr. Aloisi- What plans do you have to use the people who were on the subcommittee in the future.

Mayor DiNardo- It will be a combination of everyone recreation and swim club people.

Mr. Aloisi- I understand the funding of the engineering is supposed to be somewhere between \$30,000.00-\$35,000.00 to fund that. Is it correct to say the money is coming from the township and the Recreation Commission?

Mayor DiNardo- It is coming from Green Meadows and the Recreation funds.

Mr. Aloisi- What do the tennis courts fall under?

Mayor DiNardo- That is still underneath the recreation department.

Mr. Aloisi- That is township money?

Committeewoman Ronchetti- Not yet.

Mayor DiNardo- If you are talking about the stress cracks we will address them in the off season.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- If someone can come up here and give me a reason why they are for or against the spray park just give me something to think about.

Laura Wallace- If you have money to make improvements how come you don't do the playground inside the swim club?

Administrator Pino- The playground equipment is insanely expensive. Our thought at the meeting we had was that instead of spending \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 on a couple of pieces of equipment that we take that money and put it into a splash park and let the kids really have something to enjoy. The splash park that we are talking about would have animated and other features which are not necessarily water. It is almost like a Disney Land in a sense. We are

talking synthetic grass we are thinking big. That playground equipment may not exist there anymore if we really do the spray park correctly. Just a thought, maybe.

Ms. Wallace- Since the kids can't play ball anywhere.

Administrator Pino- I had a discussion with John because we have rules that say no ball playing. It does not make 100% sense.

Ms. Wallace- The back lot is where they play ball.

Administrator Pino- Maybe there are designated times or places kids can play ball.

Ms. Wallace- Yes Monday –Friday they can section off spots to play. Not on the weekends because there a ton of people on the weekends.

Administrator Pino- It is tough because we have members who expect a certain type of environment and we want to keep that tranquility too. Where they shouldn't be throwing a ball in the middle of where everyone is sitting.

Ms. Wallace – If you did put it in would there be separate bathrooms or would they pay to get into the swim club and use the swim club bathroom?

Administrator Pino- Those bathrooms would be too far away you would probably need a set of bathrooms in the spray park. There would be a set of lockers, picnic tables and benches and some more of the shade structures. Strategically I know everything we have done has worked and we did not use a single engineer to figure it out.

Attorney Cucchiarro- So you would like us to look at the ordinance and provide a designation place for them to play.

Ms. Wallace- Even a small spot designating certain times and places they can play ball.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- Are you for the spray park or against it?

Ms. Wallace- I don't really know enough about it to say if I am for it or against it. My concern is if you pay to be a member of the swim club and then have to pay extra everyday it is going to be ridiculous.

Mayor DiNardo-We are not looking for a fee increase for the pool club members.

Karen Vallely- We don't have enough information to be for it or against it but we pay a lot of money to get in to the swim club for the summer.

Administrator Pino- Yes.

Ms. Vallely- Again it is only two months and I don't even come on the weekends in June because you're too busy. Rules are rules but they will come over and yell at only one group. I tell my kids if there is a rule you need to follow it but then 20 minutes later there is another group of kids playing ball but they are not getting in trouble. I do agree with the playground it does need

upgrading. My biggest concern with the spray park is will there be a charge which you have already said no. We just need more information on the spray park.

Administrator Pino- Anyone who just goes into the spray park would not have access to swim club. There will be a gate to get through. If you are a swim club member you can get in through the swim club. The spray parks typically open up a month earlier and sometimes close in October depending upon the weather. We can do that because we don't have to winterize them the same way we do with this monster Olympic pool.

Mayor DiNardo- We will get an area for the kids to play.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- Have you spoke to John or Kathy about this?

Ms. Vallely- I try to get along with everyone but I don't think they like me because I had an issue with one of the pool parties for Sycamore and I said something and it was just going back and forth. I had asked for one thing and John told me you said this and I said John I have emails confirming specific times and then when we ended up having to do the 1:30 PM that I couldn't change they made us work the front gate because they did not have anyone.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- Some of these issues are managerial issues?

Ms. Vallely- Yes. Then I had seen Pat going over to a group who were playing ball and I asked her if there was problem and she said yes they shouldn't be playing ball in here. I said fine and they left but 20 minutes later there was another group of kids playing ball. I told her if she was going to yell at one group she needs to yell at everyone. She said we can't watch everyone all the time. Same inconsistencies with swimmies in the dive pool sometimes the lifeguards let them off sometimes they don't. She said now that we have the rock walls they are not allowed. A rule is a rule and you need to have people enforce them.

Administrator Pino- You are correct.

Katie Miller- I grew up in Hazlet my entire life and was actually a swim club member. My questions are directly related to the spray park. Will you be adding additional parking?

Administrator Pino- No it probably would not be needed anyway.

Ms. Miller- There are times especially on weekends where it is full and if you are talking about the additional people who you say are going to be coming where will they be parking?

Administrator Pino- The swim club now has an occupancy number which it never had before which means it could have a limitation to how many people could be in there. Same thing with the spray park there is a square footage per person type use and once you reach that capacity no one is allowed in. It would balance out in the end. As you know this parking lot goes from one end to the other.

Ms. Miller- Will someone be regulating that?

Administrator Pino- Yes it is regulated now.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- Cliff can I ask you a question Friday night was the biggest population you said you have had for Frozen where there any problems?

Cliff Moore- No parking issues.

Ms. Miller- Will there be additional maintenance with the spray park?

Administrator Pino- Maintenance as far as what?

Ms. Miller- At a spray park if you are talking about little children the likely of them running to the bathroom every single time they have to go to the bathroom. If you do have that happen will there be additional maintenance?

Committeewoman Ronchetti – I was at the swim club on Friday and there were more problems in the bathrooms with the adult men and women and no the children.

Administrator Pino- These spray parks have much more sophisticated recycling equipment for filtration and everything else and there will probably be state of the art equipment there. Must likely better then what is in the swim club.

Ms. Miller- Is there additional insurance that is needed?

Mayor DiNardo- No.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- You are a member of the swim club?

Ms. Miller –No.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- You are not a Hazlet resident?

Ms. Miller- No.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- Then what is the problem? I can understand if someone was a member or a resident but you are not a member or a Hazlet resident.

Ms. Miller- I come in as a guest.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- I understand that but I don't understand your argument.

Committeeman Aagre- She grew up in Hazlet.

Deputy Mayor Belasco – I grew up in Bayonne but what does that have to do with it.

Committeeman Aagre- Public portion is allowed.

Attorney Cucchiaro- Under the OPRA Law anyone can speak about anything.

Ms. Miller- I was also answering your question, you had wanted questions directed towards the spray park.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- I understand that but I wanted someone who was related to the swim club or resident.

Samantha Miller- I am also not a member of the pool club I used to be. I also was a member of the Recreation camp and I played soccer in town and various sports. I babysit for members of the swim club and I am a guest. I am there all the time. You had stated that there would be no lifeguards on duty.

Administrator Pino- No.

Ms. Miller- What about safety because it is right on a corner.

Administrator Pino- I did not say there would not be lifeguards on duty. Other towns that run them do run them without lifeguards on duty. I would not ever have that particular facility opened without a lifeguard somewhere there because there would be access to the swim club and any 2 year old could wonder very quickly and easily wind up in the wrong place. My thought there would be someone there as well as continuing that at the swim club where the dive tank is. When that place is open there will be lifeguards there.

Ms. Miller- As far as you said there will not be any expanding of the parking lot. When camp gets out and a busy weekend. Middle Road is jammed packed. Are there going to be street lights or police working that road to make sure people are coming in and out of there with extra people?

Mayor DiNardo- Hazlet has high traffic at certain times of the day when the pool club goes in and out and also with the camp. No there will not be a light or an officer at the corner it is not going to change the way it is.

Ms. Miller- I used to work at the pool club and I now I know the side gate is closed and they did not want to pay someone to sit there.

Administrator Pino- No not true.

Ms. Miller- Are you paying an extra person to sit at the entrance to the tennis courts.

Administrator Pino- It came out of a request from Bill, your mom and Al to not open that gate anymore.

Attorney Cucchiaro- You said the gate was closed because the town did not want to pay anyone but what Mr. Pino is saying it was generated by a request from members and pool subcommittee members.

Administrator Pino- That request was made because people would leave too early or they would park in a different location. I said why not give John our director the ability at the end of the day let people out if they want and that is what we agreed to. The other issue is that some people were sneaking through the gate that were not members. If the spray park goes there it would have to be two entrances one directly from the swim club near the dive tank and the second would be

close to the parking lot. What location we do not know and it would be manned by two individual employees.

Ms. Miller- Are these additional employees going to be hired through the swim club or hired separately?

Administrator Pino- We do not know yet.

Ms. Miller- You said additional bathrooms and lockers. How big is this spray park going to be if you are going to put State of the Art facilities in there as well.

Mayor DiNardo- We figured about 2800 square feet for the spray park. That is the rough estimate. The bathroom will be small. That is what the professionals are there for to give guidance.

Ms. Miller- Is this going to be open to the public. Are you going to have Keyport, Holmdel and other towns come in or is it just opened to Hazlet?

Mayor DiNardo- Yes it is opened to the public.

Administrator Pino- This is a public park. Who would be the public a non-Hazlet resident?

Mayor DiNardo- It is going to be like the pool club if the pool club packs out sorry we have to close the gates because no more people can come in it is at capacity level. It is Green Acres property anyone can come here.

Ms. Miller- Is it pool club plus the spray park or entire facility?

Mayor DiNardo- You will have a capacity at the swim club and a separate capacity at the spray park.

Committeeman Aagre- With a 2800 square foot spray park as per building code it is 50 square feet per person you can let 56 people in at one given time. It is not a very big area and costs wise is another story for 56 people.

Ms. Miller- For 56 people you are going to spend all this money.

Administrator Pino- He gave you a number for building codes swimming pools have a total different occupancy load. It depends on what we are talking about spray parks don't even have legitimate numbers yet that have been adopted yet by any sort of standard. They say use the same numbers as you use for the swimming pool.

Ms. Miller- Are you planning on just putting the spray park in the corner or are you also planning on fixing the sprinkler pool that is actually in the pool club that the members pay for or is that not being considered?

Mayor DiNardo- Let's back track first of all the spray park we are looking to do is going to be done in house which is a significant savings. Like everything that has been done in the swim club this year and last year was done in house non-engineering. If we had gone with the

engineering designs to do the pump house over and I will state this again for at least 3-4 times it would probably have been close to \$450,000.00 was the design from the prior administration. We did it in house and we are going to replace the 3 sand filters at the end of the season because we do not want to disrupt the pool this year. All the cages and pumps and plumbing has all been taken care of and all replaced and there is an extra pump and cage assembly if one of them breaks. The cost of that is probably close to \$100,000.00 maybe a little less. As far as the spray park the money we are using is we have some Green Meadows money and some recreation money that is going to be utilized to construct this. It is going to be done in house and we are going to cut the costs significantly. There is also the Return System that is being looked at right now at the swim club.

Ms. Miller- I think it is great that the town workers do everything but I was wondering since we already have the sprinkler pool for little kids if that is being updated or becoming a splash park as well?

Mayor DiNardo- That is part of the rehabilitation and we are looking at that for next year. We can only do so much because it is a utility it is self-sustaining.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- Are you in favor of it or not?

Ms. Miller- I am not in favor of it. I think this meeting a lot of people did not know about and a lot of people did not know about the spray park. I think a lot more information needs to get out there. Is it going to be free to the public there is a lot of confusion out there. Members don't know about it. You say it may generate more membership but if per say there is a capacity at one time people might get turned away.

Paul Havens- I have a family of six and I have been a member for about 10 years. We love the swim club and I love that my family is safe there. I feel like I don't have to worry about them during the day. One of my biggest concerns is who will be let in and who will be watching who is coming in. Parking regardless of what was said out there. We were at the movie Friday night and the reason we left early is because the parking lot was packed and I did not want another 45 minute Fourth of July scenario. Parking would be an issue that is one of my biggest concerns going forward. I don't know if I am for it or against it. I just know that information is lacking beforehand and that is why you have so many concerned people here. We love the pool club as it is we do want it to improve but we also want to feel like we are a part of the process that are feelings are considered and our ideas are looked at.

Bill Shewan- I would like to acknowledge and thank you for giving us more than five minutes. I don't think everyone here realizes that there is a five minute speaking time.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- We did.

Mr. Shewan- You have been patient for listening but you get the general feeling of what is going on here. It is more in terms of what is happening and how it is going to happen and I think the dialogue I had with Dennis is fine as far as that goes. I am not the entire pool membership. There are people that have serious concerns. You have heard some of them and that is really what has to happen people that are members are really stock holders. Some of them new and some old and some have been there for many years. The improvements that we made this year are terrific. I think the marketing strategy is something we were lacking in the past and that is bringing in new

members. As far as the finances it looks like we are doing fine. Again, as far as anything above and beyond what we have done with improvements I do believe a spray park is a much different approach than anything that has been done internally. That is why you have all these questions. I would ask that at least we be given the opportunity to do come as a limited amount of people to one of the workshops and talk about it a little more in detail.

Maureen Miller- Thank you again for letting us be heard. When I go to the pool club everyday as I do, I really don't want to be the go to person that people come up to and who can I say that they can call?

Committeewoman Ronchetti- Tell them to come to a meeting.

Ms. Miller- No they want a person that they want to talk to and/or call. I wish tonight more people would have come I can't speak for anyone else but myself. I have put everything I can into it. I was very upset the way my daughter was handled tonight here. She left upset and I am upset the way that I was talked to. I thank you I do not know your name you are the township attorney and you were very nice to my daughter. Thank you very much. Her name is Katelyn Miller and she was here for support of her mom and for being in this township and she is a very good citizen and I am very upset the way she was handled. Again, when my fellow members of the swim club come up to me tomorrow and ask me how it went who can I direct it to?

Mayor DiNardo-They can call me.

Ms. Miller- Mr. Mayor may I have your phone number.

Administrator Pino- The township website has a comment section and we also put a formal procedure in for the swim club director and any other employee. If there is a comment or complaint there is a form a member or the person that it is being reported to can fill it out and they are supposed to forward it to us. You can also reach out to me on the website or call me.

Al Aloisi – With all due respect but you want to ask the children what they want if you ask the children if they want ice cream, sure I love ice cream. Now are we going to let our 7 year old child tell the adults what we should be doing.

Attorney Cucchiaro- No one has offered any kind of resolution where 7 years olds are going to sit on the dais and adopt a budget. However, I can tell you that it is just nice to as we would like your perspective a 7 year old has less ability to access the levers of government and we certainly want to get them involved in civic activities as early as possible.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Mayor DiNardo

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 9:20 PM