

WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2022
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. Sunshine Statement was read by Municipal Clerk/Administrator Reibrich. "The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office."

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council President Butler, Horowitz, Franks, Delia

Also Present: Municipal Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich, Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Esq.,
Matt Mariano of Peter Avakian's Office

1. **OPEN SPACE GRANT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** *Continued discussion regarding the park project; Matt Mariano, Leon S. Avakian Inc present*

Matt Mariano discussed that the Open Space Grant County representatives cannot allow the purchase of a town clock as part of the grant project unless the clock were to be placed in the park. The Council agreed that they did not feel this was the location they were interested in placing the clock and would look into cost estimates and bonding to have the clock placed at the Circle which was approved by the County Engineer's Office.

Matt Mariano and the Council addressed some out standing items that needed decisions or review. The water fountains and their location.

The brief discussion was had regarding the location, material and size of the gazebos. The Council discussed whether the gazebo should be metal or wood. They discussed maintenance issues and the best choice being metal. The Council discussed the shape with a straw poll vote with most members wanting to keep the hexagon shape.

Matt Mariano and Mayor Nohilly discussed the proposed rose garden to which Mayor Nohilly discussed landscaping to soften the look of the new features. The Council discussed plantings to achieve this goal.

Councilman Delia questioned outlets and electric in the gazebos. Mayor Nohilly, Councilman Delia and Matt Mariano discussed the need for an outlet for events and possible dusk to dawn lights.

The Governing Body discussed the kayak launches and locations on Bridlemere Avenue. The Council discussed a path or steps with handrail depending on the location of the launches.

Councilman Franks questioned concrete as the choice for the pathway. He said that feedback about concrete cracking and it being difficult for strollers to use the path should encourage the Council to look at a different pathway surface such as the asphalt option.

Councilman DeSarno stated that he preferred asphalt for the same reasons. Council Delia concurred stating that asphalt would be easier to be maintained and if portions need to be replaced it can be removed in patches with an easier repair.

Councilman Delia questioned stone dust and ask Matt Mariano if there is any feedback on that type of surface. Matt Mariano explained that a neighboring town does have that and while it looks nice and is functional there is ponding issues during heavy rains. Councilman Delia believed that may be an issue and with the high water table in the Interlaken Park it probably would not be the best idea to pursue.

Councilman DeSarno said that he felt asphalt was the way to go for root growth with the many trees in the park because it would be easier to repair. He asked if he asphalt with a possible paver/block trim in a historic white wash could be considered.

The Council took a straw poll vote and decided to choose asphalt as the walkway surface instead of concrete. Matt Mariano said that block/pavers or another type of trim could be bid as an alternate.

Councilmen DeSarno and Delia discussed the ball field and what needed to be repaired.

Councilwoman Horowitz questioned the pickleball striping. A brief discussion was had regarding the layout of the tennis and pickle ball courts.

Councilman Delia wanted to ensure that site restoration had enough funding to level the front the park to remediate the ponding issue.

Matt Mariano stated that he will take the feedback back to the office to compile a final bid package for review of the Council at the next Council meeting.

He feels that costs should put us right in line with the \$350,000 matching grant. There is some concern about supply chain issues increasing price but hopefully it won't be too excessive. He reminded the Council that 20% over a bid contract is allowed via change orders so the Council has room to make decisions on alternates and other costs to include items that may be outpriced if they so choose.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business at this time.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment. Jodi Heinz, 512 Bridlemere Avenue, questioned if the walkway could be more environmentally friendly than asphalt. Mayor Nohilly said he read and researched the email that she sent regarding different pathway surfaces. Unfortunately, a lot of the surface recommendations come with a safety issue or is not conducive for our park due to the high water table.

No further comments, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments, Councilman Franks made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Vacancy
Motion to Approve					X		
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X	X	X	X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused							

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk