

WORKSHOP MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2021
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, Watson, Maloney, Delia and Franks

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

Absent: None

1. **OPEN SPACE GRANT DESIGN PRESENTATION:**

Matt Mariano, of Borough Engineer Peter Avakian's Office, provided the Governing Body with documents relating to the cost estimates and estimated pricing for the Open Space Grant Park Improvement Project. The project was broken out into categories including tot lot options, playground surfaces, open air shade pavilion and gazebo, walking trail material, fitness stations, water fountains, kayak dock and kayak rack. Each option category had a handful of the most used, highly recommended choices ranging in prices.

The Council discussed an overview of the categories and Mr. Mariano provided locations that the product or something similar could be seen in person. He encouraged the members to go look at the places to help guide them in their personal preferences for the products to be chosen. An item by item discuss should take place so a consensus of each member can be heard.

Mr. Mariano cautioned the Council that not each item can be chosen at the highest price line and that there is a cost that cannot be exceeded within the grant. The members should choose what they feel is the best place to spend the additional funding and then work together to choose the design of each category.

Councilman Delia questioned if the current playground surface would change if a different type of product was chosen. Mr. Mariano said that can be worked into the equation but would obviously come at a cost. Councilman Delia and Mr. Mariano discussed the need for some drainage in the playground area should the surface feature change.

Councilman Watson stated that he was looking at making the gazebo into a larger, 40 x 20 pavilion area in a rectangular shape and discussed a location by the ball field. Councilman Franks indicated that it could be a security hazard if it blocks the view to the playground area, especially at night for Police patrols. Councilman Watson said that he felt it would not block anything as it is mostly open.

The Council discussed functionality and cost of a pavilion of that size and where it could be located as not to stand out and change the entire open space dynamic of the current park.

The Council had a brief discussion regarding the walking path surfaces and the pros and cons of asphalt, concrete and porous pavement. The cost of porous pavement is a large expense. Council discussed colored concrete and asphalt as being the top two contenders for that category.

A brief discussion was had regarding kayak stands and docks.

Mayor Nohilly and the Council thanked Mr. Mariano for his informative presentation. Mayor Nohilly encouraged Council to go and look at the fixtures in surrounding towns if possible.

Mayor Nohilly asked that all of Council take the time to review the provided paperwork and to determine what direction each member would like to move in regarding each category. Mayor Nohilly expressed that each item will be discussed by everyone, in public, and that a voice vote on how to proceed for each item will help to move the project forward. He asked the members of Council to come prepared for the December Meeting as this will be the workshop topic.

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, discussed the tennis courts being striped for pickleball. She said that will attract a lot more players because it is very popular. She referenced the initial park plan design that was on

display at the meeting. She said that she other tennis players would really like the gazebo to stay there by the tennis courts. It is a good place to get shade before or after playing or while waiting for a court.

She asked if the Borough had any thoughts on changing the signing up for the tennis/pickleball courts. The honor system can be frustrating and with more use it will be become more so. Mayor Nohilly stated the current ordinance has the rules written that way because the Borough does not have a recreation department and it was decided that having the office overseeing sign ups would be a cumbersome task especially when there is minimal Borough staff and the office is not open on the weekends.

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

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

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk