

WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
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 Mayor Nohilly. “The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied by forwarding notice to the Coaster and the 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, Councilmembers Delia, Franks, DeSarno

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Reibrich and Borough Attorney Rich Shaklee

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Asst. Fire Chief, Kyle Ebbetts, thanked the Mayor and Council for their unwavering support. The new fire truck arrived after two and half years and the whole department is so thankful. They have used it already on 25 calls and at 3 fires and it is even better than they anticipated.

Mayor Nohilly said that Kyle Ebbetts did an amazing job making the process easy for the Council. All questions were answered expertly which made the decision making so easy.

The Governing Body went outside to view the new truck where a demonstration of a lot of the working parts was given.

Councilman Delia is the Chief of the Deal Fire Department and had extensive compliments of the truck and the work that Kyle and the committee put into the sourcing, choice, and production of the truck.

After returning inside, Mayor Nohilly reiterated the service that the Allenhurst Fire Department has provided over the years. It truly is Interlaken’s Fire Department too from its creation.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Franks had a few points for New Business.

He questioned the ability to require a fence to be maintained. He questioned a fence that looks in “rough shape” and has that appear to be falling. BA Reibrich said that she reported his concern to the Code Enforcement Officer who was looking at property maintenance code and did not see anything that regulated fences like homes. BA Reibrich indicated that the Borough ordinances may not call out the fence maintenance in clear terms because this is one instance and that there have not been instances of clear neglect before.

Borough Attorney Shaklee said that aesthetics are not usually regulated but there may be something in the current ordinances that can be used. Mayor Nohilly asked Borough Attorney Shaklee to see if there is anything in current ordinances that would regulate this if a fence is not maintained.

Councilman Franks discussed moving the Wright Brothers Monument into the newly designed park because he feels that it looks lost in its current location. He feels that placing it on the walking path may be a better location for it to get noticed and appreciated. Mayor Nohilly stated that the original location was chosen so that if people are walking through town, they would be able to enjoy the monument as well without going into the park. There is consideration to extend the sidewalk in front of the park in the next road program which would encompass the area where the monument currently is located. Councilman Franks agreed that if a sidewalk was placed in that area, it would make more sense for the monument to remain there.

Councilman Franks questioned the gazebo and if there will be anything added to it. Mayor Nohilly and BA Reibrich explained that benches were chosen and ordered. The supply chain issues have delayed shipments of this nature, but they are coming. Councilman Franks questioned if any a foliage would be added as landscaping. BA Reibrich stated that DPW Foreman Norm Cottrell and DPW Employee Brent Burns were discussing some ideas to place there once the benches are installed. If the Council agreed, they would place some deer resistant, easy to maintain plantings around the area in the Spring. The Council agreed that would look nice.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Jodi Heinz, 512 Bridlmere Avenue, expressed her disappointment in the kayak location at the Windermere Cove. She thinks the angle to get the kayak into the Lake without using the ramp is not easy to navigate. She doesn't like to drag her kayak down the stairs and liked when nothing was there because it was gently sloping. She said that the Bridlmere location is too steep to get in the water and it would be challenge. She indicated that to her the person who designed this doesn't kayak.

Mayor Nohilly said that the section next to the dock could be looked at by the Borough Engineer to see if the sloping could be better for people who do not want to use the floating dock.

Ms. Heinz questioned what pickleball nets were purchased because if someone is not a pickleball player they may need help choosing the right ones. BA Reibrich said that the pickleball nets were already ordered. Mayor Nohilly explained that they are on wheels and would be able to be rolled on and off the courts as needed. The tennis players can still use the court so they need to be portable.

Sarah Hammond, questioned the honor system that is used for the courts. She suggested the town look into an online system. She said other towns use a system called court reserve.

With no further comments, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor for public comment.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council President Butler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Franks. Unanimously carried.

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

Lori Reibrich, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk/Administrator