

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 21, 2014
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:02 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. The following statement was read by Borough Administrator Reibrich. "The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding annual notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of annual notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office."

Present: Council President White, Council members: Cohen, Handerhan, Miller, Morley, Napoli

Absent: Mayor Nohilly

Also Present: Borough Administrator Lori Reibrich, Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Esq.,

1. INTERLAKEN ANNUAL PICNIC

Council discussed the picnic scheduled for August 10, 2014.

Administrator Reibrich reviewed the bookings for last year's picnic and asked Council for suggestions for this year. Last year there was a DJ, an inflatable rental and the picnic was catered by Falco's Catering.

Councilman Morley stated that the catering got good feedback. The only negative feedback that he received was that there was nothing there for the older kids. Councilman Morley suggested that a company be brought in to set up an obstacle course. There is enough room at the park and adults can participate.

Borough Attorney Shaklee asked whether participants would be asked to sign release in case of injury.

Council President White stated that there would probably be some sort of release.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that the kids were looking forward to the PBA kickball game.

Councilman Handerhan stated that some of the parents missed the egg toss.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that more activities can be planned this year, since the event is being discussed earlier.

Councilman Miller asked about keeping the cost of the tickets the same price.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that last year adult tickets were \$15.00 and kids paid \$5.00.

Council discussed funds in the Recreation budget.

Council President White agreed to contact Falco's Catering for pricing.

Councilman Cohen stated that the event was a success last year. The same things should be planned.

Councilman Morley stated that he would look into pricing and availability of the obstacle course.

Councilman Cohen questioned the liability of the Borough regarding the obstacle course.

Council President White feels confident that Council could rally volunteers to get the egg toss and other events together.

Administrator Reibrich stated that the Borough office could order supplies.

Councilman Miller questioned whether there would be Interlaken merchandise to sell.

Council had a discussion regarding inventory, supplier and selection of merchandise to sell at the picnic.

Councilman Handerhan stated that in the past there have been baking contests at the picnic.

Councilman Miller stated that he would reach out resident Liz Brown about organizing the baking contest.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that the Borough office will arrange for the Social Affair Permit required by the state.

The Council discussed the possibility of a bonfire.

Councilman Miller asked when the picnic mailer would be sent out.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that the mailer would be sent, as soon as the picnic details have been decided.

Council discussed other details regarding the picnic including: portable toilet arrangements, the DJ, a firm start time for the Cops vs. Kids kickball game and the hours of the picnic.

Borough Administrator Reibrich agreed to reach out to the Allenhurst Fire and First Aid to attend the picnic and bring the truck to spray water for the children.

Councilman Morley asked if the dog waste receptacle matter could be discussed.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that the matter is not on the agenda, therefore Council has to vote to add it to the agenda.

Councilman Cohen MOTIONED to add the discussion of the pet waste receptacles to the agenda, Councilman Miller seconded the motion, passed, with no Council comment.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President White	Councilman Miller	Councilman Morley	Councilman Napoli	Councilman Cohen	Councilman Handerhan
Motion to Approve						X	
Motion to Second			X				
Approved		X	X	X	X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/Recuse							
Absent/Excused	X						

Council discussed feedback received by Council members regarding the pet waste dispensers.

Councilman Miller has spoken to several dog walkers who said they bring their own waste bags when walking their dog. Some dog walkers said that they would like the waste receptacles, but would not want one in front of their house.

Council President White agreed that most walkers bring their own pet waste bags.

Councilman Cohen reported that pet waste has been left in front of his house. Councilman Cohen stated that all other towns have these receptacles and ordering bulk would be cheaper.

Councilman Miller said that all towns do not have the receptacles. The towns that do have them do not put them in front of people's houses.

Council President White asked how many there would be and where it was decided that they would be installed.

Councilman Miller stated that they would be by the park, near the Bridlemere Park area, by the lake, by the arboretum and by the boat dock area.

Councilman Morley stated that going forward, the homeowner of any house that may have a receptacle placed in front of it should have input regarding the placement in front of their home.

Councilman Napoli stated that Windermere Avenue residents have told him they do not want one of the receptacles in front of their homes. Windermere Avenue is a street heavily traveled with pets. Councilman Napoli feels the placement of the receptacles would be giving approval to walk your dogs in these areas. Dog urination is also a problem. The ordinance says to curb your dog, not use the median between the sidewalk and the street.

Councilman Napoli does not think the money should be taken from the budget.

Councilman Cohen stated that the funds would come from grant money.

Council discussed the number and placement of the receptacles.

Councilman Handerhan noted that the other benefit of the receptacles is that trash can also be deposited there.

Council President White asked Council if anyone would be opposed to putting up two freestanding receptacles to monitor and see how it works out.

Councilman Miller noted that Council must be sure that Allenhurst will pick up the receptacles.

Council had additional discussion regarding placement of the receptacles. Council is aware that the biggest complaint would be from residents not wanting the receptacles placed in front of /or across from their homes.

Council will make the final decision regarding placement at the next meeting.

2. NEW BUSINESS –

Councilman Napoli stated that Eagle Scout Evan Case would like to come to the next meeting to discuss his project and placement of picnic tables. Councilman Napoli invited him to the next workshop session.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Council President White opened the floor for public comment.

Interlaken Deal Lake Commission Representative Don Nissim addressed Council stating that he was surprised that the Borough had concerns about the new agreement.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that an email was received from Deal Lake Commission Secretary Lorraine Carafa and that information was distributed to Council. Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that Borough Attorney Shaklee wrote a letter to the Deal Lake Commission regarding the agreement. There has been no additional correspondence received from the Deal Lake Commission.

Mr. Nissim stated that the Deal Lake Commission has done tremendous work regarding the Deal Lake. Mr. Nissim feels it is ludicrous for a town that has the lake on so many sides not to sign the agreement. It has not been changed for so many years. There has been no increase to the Deal Lake Commission budget since 2005. The Deal Lake Commission has received \$375,000.00 in grant money this year, plus \$1.5 million in Sandy rehabilitation funds. The Deal Lake Commission is looking at receiving \$750,000.00 in grant money this year to have the Army Corp of Engineers to do a study on the sediment issues in the lake. For the Army Corp of Engineers to come up with a solution for this problem would alleviate the sediment island in the lake.

Councilman Miller stated that the concern was that it is a 10 year agreement. Council wants to protect the Borough from any sudden increases, so Borough Attorney Shaklee was asked to add the verbiage “will not exceed \$10,000.00” to protect the Borough from any large increase. If that is changed the Borough will sign the agreement.

Mr. Nissim stated that there have only been two minor changes to the contract regarding meeting attendees and an extension to the flume. Every other town has signed the agreement. Interlaken is the only town that has not signed.

Council President White stated that the Borough has sent correspondence to Deal Lake Commission Lorraine Carafa and is awaiting a response.

Mr. Nissim stated that the Deal Lake Commission would have to change the agreement with every other town. The Deal Lake Commission has historically stayed within budget. More grant money has been received and there has been a status change that allows the Commission to more easily pursue grants. Mr. Nissim stated that Loch Arbour has applied for a grant to extend the flume. There was a problem with the flume during Sandy. The Army Corp of Engineers has come up with a plan to prevent further tidal surge like it was with Sandy. The Deal Lake Commission feels, if Loch Arbour took the initiative, more could be done collectively. Mr. Nissim urged Council to attend Deal Lake Commission meetings.

Councilman Miller stated that the Borough just doesn't like open ended contracts.

Mr. Nissim stated that Loch Arbour, who does not have two nickels to rub together, has agreed to the contract. Mr. Nissim stated that there is a clause in the agreement that says the Borough can opt out of the Commission.

Mr. Nissim believes that the Commission will not make the change for Interlaken. The Commission has money in the bank and some reserve for emergencies. The Mr. Nissim stated that the Commission has been diligent with the lake levels. Mr. Nissim does not believe the Commission will offer to change the agreement so Interlaken does not get cold feet and worry that the Commission will be bankrupting the town, because the Borough has the option to opt out of the agreement.

Councilman Napoli thanked Mr. Nissim for volunteering stating that Mr. Nissim’s work and the work of the Deal Lake Commission is appreciated. The vitality and stability of the lake is important. Councilman Napoli told Mr. Nissim that the Borough has been reviewing all of its service contracts. Council has noticed expenses have accelerated because there were never any caps. Councilman Napoli asked if the increase is 2% of the total budget.

Mr. Nissim stated that if there is ever a discussion regarding an increase in assessment, there is a 2% cap on budget.

Council and Mr. Nissim had a brief discussion regarding the budget cap.

Mr. Nissim stated that all of the members pay a different contribution. Ocean Township pays the lion’s share of the budget. Mr. Nissim stated that he will supply the Council with the breakdown of each member’s share. Mr. Nissim stated, again the cap is 2% and the budget has been kept the same for 9 years.

Mr. Nissim stated that he understands the Council’s concerns, but the State is more cognizant about the issues with the tributaries and are funding more projects. Mr. Nissim stated that he is a lakeside resident. The lake is cleaner. There are osprey, hawks and there has even been bald eagle that shows up every once in a while. Mr. Nissim asked the Council not to be penny wise and dollar foolish.

Councilman Napoli asked about the opt out option.

Mr. Nissim confirmed that there was one.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that he had just skimmed through the agreement and does not see where the right to withdraw is. Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that maybe he was missing it, but would review the document further.

Mr. Nissim agreed that the lake is important and he does not mind putting the hours in. The lake is looking cleaner. There have been clean ups. The County is looking to put a park at the end of the lake, with resistance from Loch Arbour. The Commissioners report to the towns about what is going on with the lake. Mr. Nissim said that he will check into the termination clause in the agreement and get back to Council about it. Mr. Nissim hopes Council will sign the agreement. Mr. Nissim thanked Council for their time.

With no additional public comment Council President White closed public comment.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments, Council President White made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously carried.

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Motion to Second							
Approved		X	X	X	X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/Recuse							
Absent/Excused	X						

 Lori Reibrich
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
 Date Approved: _____