

Open Spaces Board Meeting – OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, August 27th, 2019 – 10:00 am

Intermediate Meeting Room, County Administration Building

4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey

Board Member Attendance: Neil Byrne
David Craig
Peter Lomax
Leslie Gimeno
Dave Clemans

Others In Attendance: Barbara Ernst
Scott Mullen

Call to Order:

Mr. Lomax called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Lomax led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Public Meetings Act:

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Mr. Lomax.

Roll Call:

Neil Byrne, David Craig, Peter Lomax, Leslie Gimeno, and Dave Clemans were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes:

Mr. Craig and Mr. Lomax each had revisions to the minutes. Mr. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes from August 27th, as amended. Mr. Clemans seconded the motion. A roll call vote found all members in favor, with the exception of Mr. Craig, who abstained.

Chairman's Report: None

Director's Report: None

Financial Report: Mr. Lomax gave an overview of the Financial Report and indicated that the fund balance after encumbrances and recommendations is approximately \$9 million. Ms. Gimeno indicated that the Schedule B had been altered to reflect the deduction of \$3,000,000 to reflect the potential maximum award to the Lower Township Aquatic Center, should the Township meet all of the conditions of the Open Space Board to obtain said funding. Mr. Lomax asked if the Schedule B reflected the cancellation of the initial \$500,000 grant to Upper Township for the Harbor Road project. Ms. Gimeno said that it did not, as her recommendation is to keep that award in place until the new \$1.3m project has been approved by the Freeholder Board.

Correspondence:

Mr. Lomax indicated that there are several pieces of correspondence for the record:

- Email from Mr. Strassenburgh to Ms. Gimeno dated 9/20/19 asking for status on his land acquisition applications and indicating that although he was not opposed to having his property subdivided to remove structures from consideration by the Open Spaces Program, he was not interested in bearing the expense of this process
- Email from County Counsel Jeff Lindsay to Ms. Gimeno dated 9/23/19 regarding the Strassenburgh properties and the issue of right of first refusal held by another party for several of the properties indicating that either an informal discussion with the other party could be held to determine interest/intent of exercising right of first refusal OR that the regular land acquisition process could be used to generate an offer letter which would trigger the right of first refusal
- Email from Mr. John Reilly to a number of individuals including Mrs. Ernst dated 9/11/19 urging for the protection of the area known as East Cape May
- Email from Catherine McGonigle from the City of Cape May to Mrs. Ernst and Ms. Gimeno dated 9/12/19 providing an updated schedule for War Memorial Park and requesting an extension through 12/31/20
- Email from John Reilly to Mrs. Ernst dated 9/19/19 regarding loss of birds

Resolutions:

Resolution 6-19 Amending Terms of Shared Services Agreement between the County of Cape May and the City of Cape May for War Memorial Park Improvements – This Resolution extends the date of expiration of the agreement to 12/31/20 (retroactive to 5/7/19) to allow adequate time for project completion.

Resolution 7-2019 Amending Terms of a Shared Service Agreement between the County of Cape May and the Borough of Wildwood Crest for Sunset Lake Shore Stabilization and Recreation Improvements – This Resolution extends the date of expiration of the agreement to 5/7/20 to allow adequate time for project completion.

Closed Session: Mr. Craig made a motion to go into Closed Session at 10:19 am. Mr. Clemans seconded the motion; All in favor.

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to Open Session at 11:29 upon a motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Clemans.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

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Adjournment:

Mr. Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38. Mr. Byrne seconded the motion. All in favor.