

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 27, 2015 7:30 pm

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. This Meeting was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Bergen Record and advertised in said newspaper, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - present
Council Member Orseck – present
Council Member Nogara - absent

Council Member Pazan - present
Council Member Surrago - absent
Council Member Martin – present

Mayor van Keuren – present
Robert Garibaldi, Borough Attorney – present
Lenora Benjamin, Borough Administrator – present
Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk – present

Mayor – pool membership right now we charge a stated rate throughout the year, I'm asking the council to allow for a reduced rate after August 1, maybe charge \$50.00 or \$75.00 not getting the full season.

Lenora Benjamin – I think the new people moving in are paying a higher rate moving in later in the summer.

Council Member Orseck – what fee are you looking at?

Mayor – leave the fee up to parks and rec to figure that out.

Council Member Orseck – will come back with recommendation.

Council Member Pazan – asked about the grandparent rate.

Council Member Orseck – talking with Mark Barone about that.

Mayor – been approached by residents that take their grandchildren from out of town. Other residents said that charging senior guest \$10.00 is also a lot. While we do get a significant amount of revenue. I propose knocking off \$5.00 from each type of badge.

Council Member Orseck - \$75.00 for a ten trip for children, our recommendation would be no we seem its fair.

Lenora Benjamin – maybe we should try some type of combo \$75.00 for child/senior and \$100 for adult 10 pkg. Maybe 5 and 5 for each group at maybe \$75. It is the way we make revenue.

It have a significant revenue stream for the borough. It is a way the borough can increase revenue with the state of the art pool that isn't seen around the area that has to raise revenues to support itself. Very nice way that the borough raises revenue.

Council Member Martin – I think should try a few different ways with combo packs.

Lenora Benjamin – we do have another option with the resident ID card and buying passes.

Mayor – what would prevent us from reducing the \$75.00 guess badge for \$50.00 as of August 1st?

Mayor – once we get to August that would decrease.

Lenora Benjamin – the other part is plenty of people have already purchased the badges for \$75.00 and now you want to reduce that you will have people coming in for a refund.

Council Member O'Hagan – I think it's a conversation for next year. This could be a way to raise revenue for next year. Just don't think it would be prudent what about the flip side of people that won't be here for the month of August but purchase a pool badge. This it would be organized chaos.

Mireille Schuck, 90 Harding Rd. – I have read about the people complaining we would prefer not to be a source of revenue, people have been here paying taxes and I like that \$5.00 is a fair amount.

Council Member Orseck – if you figure out senior citizen it's like \$.20 per day.

Lenora Benjamin – I know that the original request was for grandchildren, but we can't supervise who is a grandchild or not. We have to set the stage and amend whatever we want but not recommend mid-stream.

Mayor – car ran into dunkin donuts on Prospect St. received email why don't you put bollards along that property. One thing that is private property, so I think I should talk with the property owner and see what can be done. Maybe bollards aren't the answer but we need to address it again with the owner.

Diane Herrlett, 5 Franklin Pl. – think you need to use the bully method with them, there were four people sitting at a table in there.

Mayor – Farmer Market, there was attempt for a Farmers Market on borough property, but you can incur significant personal liability. There are ways to go about that and follow the procedures.

Mayor – Incident at the pool over the weekend fortunately the victim was saved, he did go to Valley hospital and he did stay overnight, but was at the pool again the next morning.

Council Member O'Hagan – youngster that was taking swimming lessons, took in a little too much water, property techniques and personnel were in place, he is doing ok, with a good outcome.

Mayor – Ackerman Ave. has been properly prepped and getting ready to be paved within the next two weeks.

Council Member Pazan – asked if we could use the milling.

Lenora Benjamin – we will have enough of our own.

Mayor – Dog Park don't think anyone here is fundamentally opposed to a dog park, but think that a dog park would be appropriate, and we are looking into a couple locations and the expenses. We have been told there is more than adequate funding for a dog park.

Council Member Orseck – the council needs to say yes or no to a dog park, then we have to come up with the location, this group cannot move forward to raise money until we give them a location, nothing to happen until all the funding is in place.

Council Member O'Hagan – gone to the dog park in Hawthorne in and in Ridgewood, my concern is what location in Glen Rock that would be disturbing the residents. Liability issues.

Council Member Orseck – the mayor and I did talk to the committee about that and addressed our concerns and they would need to be met.

Jim Seaton, 73 Ferndale Ave. – up at the Ridgewood park, Glen Rock is approx. a mile square at the Ridgewood dog park they are at least a ¼ mile away from any houses. I had dogs all our life, if you're too lazy to go to the county park then your too lazy to own a dog.

Diane Herrlett – what's the noise factor.

Council Member O'Hagan – that's my point we need to find a place that would be safe.

Council Member Orseck – what we need to start with is a yes or no from the council.

Doris Ciarmella, 15 Austin Pl. – what expenses are incurred for having a dog park.

Council Member Orseck – very little maintenance.

Mayor – before we get too far along we will get that information.

Doris Ciarmella – a lot of people that have dog wouldn't necessarily go to a dog park.

Terry Moore, 35 Pamrapo Court West – what percentage of the population are pushing for this dog park, before the town takes on another responsibility.

Council, Member Martin – there are also a lot of other people that feel there should be a dog park.

Christine ? – Children's park there are people that have their dog in the children park doing their business. I would support Amy.

Mayor – Glen Court will become borough property next year, when it becomes ours we have two choices, we can sell it and get significant income, or we can retain it and still get annual rental

income. If we retain it we have to establish day to day management and oversight, we will have to renovate the structure and individual rooms. I think we retain it. Asked for any comments.

Council Member Pazan – asked if we know the amount for the renovation of repairs? Do you think it's more than 2 Million? And the total is what \$16 million

Council Member Martin – think we need to weight both sides.

Irene Brown – think we should keep it and when an apartment is empty then renovate it.

Diane Herrlett – I will be a resident next year, and I feel strongly that we keep it.

Bob Bourne – feel that the high side is \$9 million then with the renovation would be less.

Doris Ciarmella – would like to see it say with Glen Rock.

Mayor – the macro is like Amy said with weighing the both sides. Things will change it wouldn't stay status quo.

Irene Brown – you would be paying off the mortgage so you can use that money to renovate.

Bob Bourne – finding assets to generate revenue, this is one that can generate significant money I would like to see more going forward.

Mayor – we have introduced an ordinance creating a S2 zone and it will as scheduled come up on Wednesday for final consideration. It has been characterized in the paper as a done deal, and I don't think so, there may be some concern that the residents may have that they would like the council to ponder.

Council Member O'Hagan – I have some concerns, it seems to me from where I sit I'm not convinced what 35 or 45 ft. high really is. 35 feet in the front then can go up from there. Fire department has some concerns, I'm not comfortable talking about this until I'm comfortable about the height. I would like to know before moving forward.

Lenora Benjamin – I did speak with the planner and the fire department does have some concerns and I will like to set up a meeting with the planner and engineer and the public safety offices.

Council Member O'Hagan – I would like to make a motion to table this.

Robert Garibaldi – you would have to do that Wednesday night motion to table.

Council Member Martin – I'm concerns with the 45 would like to see them go for a variance. I would like the developer to have to explain the need for that height.

Council Member O'Hagan – I would like the planner and the fire department to be more comfortable with the height. Think there are too many variable in the equation to move forward.

Mayor – think we need to keep in mind the proposal that would come in the practical in mid that would fit in the ordinance.

Council Member Orseck – glen and rock you see the roof line of glen court then if you look at the mall what is the height. Do you know the height of the mall?

Lenora Benjamin – once the planner and engineer touch base with public safety then come back and piece that together.

Robert Garibaldi – some discussion with leaving it with 45 feet, number of stories still some discussing any modification would require it to go back to the planning board.

Terry Moore – does the planner and engineer of the planning board review this and did they have any other problem with this.

Mayor – the planning board considers proposals that might fit in.

Terry Moore – if there were a developer, if that developer would have to go to the planning bd. and present a site plan to the board , there is a difference from a . I would love an opportunity to stay in glen rock. I would like to see this come to agreement.

Diane Herrlett – where did the 45 feet come from. Are we tailoring it to a builder?

Terry Moore – I think we need to look and see to the future, it's not the single family homes anymore. If a developers comes in because he see a good town that people would move into, people have to consider change.

Council Member Martin – you have to make sure that the developer has glen rock in its best interest.

Terry Moore – I am supporting the end result.

Council Member Orseck – the council wants to know where the 45 ft. end.

Council Member O'Hagan – I just want the clarification that the public safety is comfortable with.

Mike ?– the house on Bradford St, the person or group that purchased it what price are they paying.

Robert Garibaldi – think its \$450,000.

Mike – so that group that purchased in April for \$380,000 and now is selling it for \$450,000

Mark McCullough, 3 Stonefield Rd. – why is this senior housing, this seem to be a lot of diverse issues that would like to be passed in one night. Asked about the height of Bank of America bldg. and 266 Harristown Rd. Seems like a lot of things that need to be settled.

Motion made by Council Member O'Hagan to table the ordinance August 26th meeting

Seconded by Council Member Martin

Council Member Orseck – would like to see a time line

Lenora Benjamin – would like to have the meeting in between that time

Mayor – it may be possible that we have another work session

Bob Bourne – will it go back to the planning board?

Robert Garibaldi – only if change

All in favor (Absent Surrago and Nogara)

Council Reports –

Council Member Pazan – recipes on library website August 3rd summer reading list August 5 grades 3-5 learn all about owls. Amazon smile will donate percentage of sale to the library.

Mayor – Wednesday some great readers that will be reading

Council Member O’Hagan – thank ambulance, police and pool staff they really don’t miss a trick, good to know. Reached out to Mr. Jennings about the sirens will ask Tom again for a short message that came be put on the website. Tremendous relationship with Fair Lawn and Hawthorne that help with responding.

Council Member Martin – no report

Council Member Orseck – no rec meeting this month, the pool and the dog park were on my agenda and we discussed them.

Admin Report -

Lenora Benjamin – request to rent the pool for four Fridays from 8 – 9 pm come out to \$180.00 per hour. In August if it’s hot I would rather keep the pool open for residents. (NO)

Council Member Orseck – I would say too late in the game.

Lenora Benjamin – movies under the stars, Mark indicated that approx. 200 people attended the cost is \$1,700.

Council Member Orseck – think that is a lot of money for very few people.

Lenora Benjamin – is 200 a lot of people

Council Member Pazan – think 200 it enough, it a great family event.

Council Member O’Hagan – we should keep it.

Julie Banana tree – maybe suggest that the business come and sell.

Lenora Benjamin – selling a note this week.

Property values will be in this week for Bradford Street.

We do have a tax rate, tax bills will be forth coming, and grace period will be extended 25 days after the date mailed. No a good situation for a vacation is the reason. I will ask you at the appropriate time to help with a letter.

Bob Bourne – talking about the rentals, I don't disagree but start to push the envelope a little and let people know the fee might be a little more. Same thing with parking.

Public Comment

Irene Brown – rumor going around at the pool that the group wants to rent the pool while lap swimming is going on.

Parking lot at the pool, people come in down the middle, think you should only pull into a space rather than pulling through. There needs to be some type of control there with people driving fast the wrong way.

Terry Moore – think you're doing a good job guys.

Motion made by Council Member Orseck to close the work session

Seconded by Council Member O'Hagan

All in favor. (Absent Surrago and Nogara)