

Minutes
Borough Special Council Meeting
Borough of Union Beach
Thursday, April 10, 2014, 8:00 p.m.
Council Meeting Room, Municipal Building 650 Poole
Avenue, Union Beach, NJ

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr. at **8:00 P.M.**

SALUTE TO FLAG: Mayor Smith leads salute to flag

ANNOUNCEMENT: By Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr. of the Emergency Fire Exits.

SUNSHINE LAW NOTICE: Announced by Clerk.

Adequate notice has been given to the public and press on the date, time and place of this special meeting, in accordance with P.L 1975, chapter 231, "open public meetings act." Clerk did advertise in the Asbury Park Press issue of 4/4/14 and on Borough Website on 4/2/14 on the Borough's Website and on the Bulletin Boards at the Borough Hall as is customary.

ROLL CALL: Council Members

Mr. Mascilak *

Mr. Wicki

Ms. Roche

Mr. Williams

Mr. Andreuzzi

Mr. Cocuzza

Also Present:

Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Ed Broberg/Dennis Dayback, Engineers

John T. Lane, Jr., Attorney

Jennifer Maier, Borough Administrator

Anne Marie Friscia, Municipal Clerk

*Mr. Mascilak arrives at 8:05 p.m.

Also Mr. Stan Slachetki from T & M Associates is also Present

ANNOUNCEMENT: PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING: ATTN:

SET ASIDE THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS: Special Meeting of April 10, 2014 – Mike Casabianca and Patricia Dugan, representatives of the Union Beach Soccer Association.

Motion moved by Councilman Wicki, seconded by Councilman Cocuzza and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Tricia Dugan, 416 Central Avenue, Union Beach and Mr. Michael Casabianca, 633 Poole Avenue, who are here on behalf of the Union Beach Soccer Association to discuss the conditions of Helen Hayes soccer Fields.

Concerns include:

Fence by the playground has to be fixed – Netting is falling down. – Safety concern.

Hedges have sharp branches – need to be fenced off. – Safety concern.

Low wet spots on the Field – they have brought in dirt but it requires additional work- they repair the fields themselves with volunteers. The constantly repair the field and are looking for some help in maintaining this field.

Engineer addresses the need for further maintenance on the field. He announces that we just received bids for a field maintenance plan and they will be maintaining all of the fields, basically for fertilization, lyme, seeding on a phase program. Spring, Summer and Fall. Part of the maintenance for the Helen Hayes Soccer Field where a "top dress". The Contractor will bring in top soil. This Spring he will top dress the field, take out all the low lying areas, trying to level it out, lyme and fertilize. He will do the same thing in the summer and in the Fall they till top dress again, aerate, lyme, fertilize, seed and slit seed the entire field. If we seed it now it will just get trampled.

We are awarding contract tonight and notify the contractor.

Mr. Wicki states that this is a situation that we have been aware of for a while and why we had asked the Engineer to solicit bids to start to take care of our fields, not just Helen Hayes, but the Little League Fields also. This is something we have been aware of and we have not just been sitting idling. It is important for the children to have a safe place to play.

Engineer, this will included the sodded areas at the shorefront, firefighter's park also. It is just to keep the fertilization of the lime and in the spring we will be testing the soil to make sure the soils have the organic content where it should be and we will make whatever adjustments we need to the soils. It will not be overnight but it will take time, we will do the maintenance to bring it up so you can play and not have the issues that you have now. In the fall we will start with the seeding and then next year we will do the same. It will just continue. It may take a few years to get it back to the point where we had put the sod down. This is our intent.

Mr. Casabianca asked for an idea what is required of them as to staying off the field.

He will be in touch with the Soccer Association so that they may adjust schedules in order to give the contractor the time frames.

Ms. Dugan asks when you lay the top soil down in the spring, how long do they have to stay off? They use the fields every day so they can work on a schedule as to when they can free up the field for fertilization.

Engineer answers for a few days, it will be just the low spots and tripping hazards. It is irrigated so after we get the fertilization down, we can wet the fields.

Ms. Dugan asks if the sprinkler system has been tested and does it work?

Engineer states that as far as he knows it works, it hasn't been fired up yet. Public Works says that it works.

Ed Broberg adds to Mr. Dayback's information that the low bidder is TruGreen and this contractor was brought in by Public Bid to Holmdel to redo the cross farm park fields and it made a very big difference in a short period of time. Probably the most important time to rehabilitate the field will be in the fall, when it is important to seed and you probably have to stay off it for a longer period of time. We will try to coordinate this with you. He is confident that this will be very successful, as long as we coordinate the Borough, the Contractor and the Association efforts.

Ms. Dugan – Asks in the Fall would they have to be off the field for as long as a month, week, etc. Should they make arrangements to play in another town.

Mr. Broberg states that it would be longer than a week, but not sure how long, he would like to go over the time frame with the Contractor. The best time for seeding is typically September and typically you would need a good couple of weeks to get the seeds germinated. Because it is irrigated, there are some things that we can do and shift schedules to come to a mutually agreeable timeframe to do this.

Ms. Dugan – states that this is wonderful and they do appreciate all of you thinking about this and getting the ball rolling. Her concern is that we have done this before and had a beautiful field and then it wasn't kept up with the sprinkler system. The fertilization program was cancelled and this is why we are at this point now. Is there a game plan for future- aeration regularly, Fertilized regularly, the sprinkler systems put on during the summer?

Mr. Wicki answers that we had TruGreen here previously, to take care of some of our areas and one of the reasons we stopped it because of budget issues, furloughs for employees, we had to cut back wherever we could. This was one of the things we had to eliminate, understandably. Now we are in a position to re-establish this program. The Tax payers have spent a lot of money to make very nice fields and recreation facilities in the borough so we believe it is a good investment on our part to keep with the turf management.

Mr. Broberg, Engineer, states what we are doing now is a more in-depth program than what was done in the past with TruGreen. He believes it will be even more effective.

Ms. Dugan – asks that the Trucks delivering supplies for the Drug Alliance Picnic not be allowed to enter the field. It makes holes. There must be a way to park outside and carry the items out on the field. These trucks caused some of these problems.

The Hedges are another problem. There are sharp branches that can hurt the kids as they reach for the soccer balls that go underneath them. Can they do a removable netting?

Mr. Cocuzza states that they have asked DPW Director, John Haines to get a quote on a higher fencing by the Police Dept and to determine how much length we will need and to look at the height. We are thinking of golf netting to slow the ball down. We will ask for a price. Also, Ms. Dugan asks that the netting by the playground which is loose and not long enough to be fixed. We need a wider and taller net to keep a child from being hit with a ball in the playground area.

Ms. Roche will ask Mr. Haines to also look into this size netting.

BACK TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Motion moved by Ms. Roche, seconded by Mr. Andreuzzi and approved by voice vote.

RECOMMENDATION/NOMINATION BY ENGINEER AS TO BIDS RECEIVED FOR TURF MAINTENANCE PLAN:

Dennis Dayback discussed the bid for the turf maintenance. We received bids on Tuesday, April 8th. We received two bids, he had solicited for four bids. TruGreen and Down to Earth. TruGreen has worked in Holmdel and has also worked for the Borough in the past and we find they are capable. The Engineers recommend that we award the contract to TruGreen for the turf maintenance plan.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (DISCUSSION OPEN TO ITEM ON AGENDA ONLY – TURF MAINTENANCE PROJECT)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID:

Meeting opens for Public Discussion at 8:15 p.m.

With no one appearing to be heard, Mayor Smith closes for Public Discussion at 8:15 p.m.

Resolution No. 2014-83:

Award of Bid "2014 Turf Maintenance Plan "

Whereas, bids were received and opened in public on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 2 p.m.. at the Municipal Building, 650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach, New Jersey, for the project "2014 Turf Maintenance Plan" and;

Whereas, in letter dated April 9, 2014 from the Borough Engineer, Edward G. Broberg P.E. of T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey recommending award of bid to the low bidder, TruGreen, 5003 Industrial Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 (low bidder) as follows:

BIDDER:

TRUGREEN
5003 Industrial Road
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

BASE BID

\$15,035.00

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the contract for the 2014 Turf Maintenance Plan hereby awarded to TruGreen.

On their low base bid of \$15,035.00 for the project, 2014 Turf Maintenance Program in the Borough of Union Beach, in accordance with the recommendations of the Borough Engineer, Edward G. Broberg, P.E. of T&M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey, and:

Be it Further Resolved, that said award be subject to funds being available; the approval of the Borough Attorney, John T. Lane, Jr., Esq. and the New Jersey Dept. of Labor, Office of Wage and Hour Compliance.

Be it also resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the Governing Body of the

Borough of Union Beach and Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to same.

Resolution Offered by Councilman Wicki, Seconded by Councilman Cocuzza and approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilman Mascilak, Councilman Wicki, Councilwoman Roche, Councilman Williams, Councilman Andreuzzi,
Councilman Cocuzza

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULED AGENDA MEETING:

Motion by Councilwoman Roche, seconded by Councilman Wicki and approved by unanimous Voice Vote. Mayor Smith declares the special meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: _____