

Minutes

Public Hearing

Draft Five-Year Park and Recreation Plan

1/17/2023

The meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor Laureto at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Glen Arbor Township Hall meeting room.

Supervisor Laureto stated that the purpose of the meeting is to take public comment on the draft five-year park and recreation plan. He said that one letter was received during the 30-day public comment period and that all board members received a copy of the letter. He gave a brief synopsis of the work that went into the plan, including a public survey, stakeholder meetings, and two meetings to gather public input. He then thanked the Park and Recreation Board members and the consultant from The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio for their excellent work on the plan.

Roll Call – J. DePuy, B. Hawley, P. Laureto, D. Lewis, and T. Laureto present. Seven members of the public and T. Sprague of The John Hill Land Ethics Studio were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was approved as presented and all Board members stated they had no conflict of interest with the agenda item.

Public Comment:

Kim Volk – Township resident stated that as a citizen and member of the Park and Recreation Board she hopes that the Township Board would approve the Recreation Plan. She also stated that she believes we need to get a handle around the maintenance of the Township Park.

John McIlvried – Township resident stated that he is also on the Park and Recreation Board. He said that he is proud of all the effort that was put in by the Park and Recreation Board and the Township Board in doing the 5-year plan. He is really proud that the plan is data driven and not just an armchair plan about what people might like to have. He said that a significant amount of information was solicited from the entire community and he believes that is a major strength of the plan. He said the plan lays a blueprint for many different directions that the Township may take depending on the funding we may find to do the work but it also helps to prioritize what is important to the citizens of our township. He hopes that the Township Board will go ahead and approve the plan.

Annabel Moore – Township resident and a member of the Park and Recreation Board also encouraged the Board to approve the 5-year Park Recreation plan. She said that a lot of thought and effort went into the plan.

There were no further comments and the Supervisor closed the comment period.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Laureto
Township Clerk