

**Special Meeting of Mayor, Council and Parks Commission  
February 15, 2022  
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue  
Closed Session 6:30 P.M.  
Open Session 7:00 P.M**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL CLOSED SESSION**

Councilperson:  
Furgione – Present  
Gribbin – Present  
Oliva –Present  
Olivo - Present  
Rodio – Present  
Wuillermin - Present  
Mayor DiDonato - Present

**PRESENT ALSO**

Michael Malinsky, Town Solicitor  
Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager  
Denise Mazzeo Recreation Director  
Town of Hammonton Parks Commission Board  
Scott Taylor – Landscape Architect

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Resolution #028-2022**

Motion by Council Person Gribbin Second Oliva  
Enter into Executive Session

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Close Executive Session

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

No one desired to be heard

## **DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Scott Taylor from Taylor Design Group gave a presentation on the Lake Park upgrades that the Town is planning. He gave an overview of the following:**

- Using one brand throughout Town at all parks and public locations. (benches and colors)
- Make Lake Park a better use of the space
- Reviewed plans in detail and gave detailed info on the entire project.
- Spoke about updating walking trails, parking, playground equipment and docks that overlook the lake.
- Increase organic matter in areas to improve water quality.
- Handicap accessibility

## **PUBLIC HEARD**

**Matt Peek 836 2<sup>nd</sup> Road-** Would this project be in phases? Would it interrupt baseball scheduling and games?

**Lou Cappuccio** – Parks Commission President. He asked what type of fencing will be installed.

**Councilmen Olivo** – asked about how the fields were going to change. Can we improve the lighting? We need to make sure we are moving in the right direction.

**Councilmen Wuillermin** – ask about the parking, where and what type of surface. We also need to have the manpower to keep up with the maintenance of the parks in Town.

**Councilmen Gribbin** – Asked about the concept, what phase is this and how many phases will there be?

**Councilmen Rodio** – We need to get moving on this. The quicker we move the better off it is for the entire Town.

**Councilmen Oliva** – This project is for everything outside the baseball fields. Will this be the first phase?

**Kelly Donio 509 Bellevue Ave** – We really need to look at upgrading the fishing area and the bathrooms.

**Sam Rodio Jr. 66 Harbor Drive** – Will the paving be Asphalt or some kind of sandy driveway?

**Councilmen Furgione** – We need too upgrade the bathrooms and the lighting of the park and playground area.

**Kay – Senior Center Canoe Club-** Is it possible to move the boat ramp?

**Dan Bachalis 115 Bachelor Lane-** Spoke about the impervious surface around the ball fields doesn't like the idea. Maybe we could grow grass or put blocks around the area.

**Mayor DiDonato** – Tonight was to inform the public about the project and to move forward. This is a project that will last for 30 years. This is the time to do it. The Town's debt in 2025 is dropping off and we have an opportunity at this time to move forward with this project.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion by Council Person Oliva Second Furgione