

Open Spaces Board Meeting – OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 – 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

Will Morey (joined at 10:37)

Leslie Gimeno

Others In Attendance:

Barbara Ernst

Scott Mullen

Call to Order:

Mr. Lomax called the meeting to order at 10:02.

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, Freeholder Morey (joined in progress), and Leslie Gimeno, were in attendance.

Adoption of Minutes:

Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes from November 26th meeting. Mr. Byrne seconded the motion. A roll call vote found all members in favor.

Chairman's Report: None

Director's Report: None

Financial Report: Mr. Mullen provided an overview of the financial report.

Correspondence:

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

- Letter from the Township of Lower to Ms. Gimeno dated 11/26/19 regarding the Aquatic Center. Letter indicates appreciation for the \$3 million recommendation from the Open Space Board and requests consideration to increase the recommendation to \$7 million based on the following: changes made to plans; referendum passed; project would be open to all county residents; Lower Township to fund 100% of operating costs. The letter also indicates a partnership with Cape Regional for use of the Center by its patients. Discussion will be held on this item later in the meeting.
- Letter from Middle Township to Mrs. Ernst dated 12/5/19 requesting a 2 year extension to the Middle Township Bike Path North extension due to delays caused by obtaining NJDEP approvals and finalization of route location
- Letter from Middle Township to Mrs. Ernst dated 1/2/20 requesting a 9-month extension to the Rio Grande Park project and indicating that the Township would be submitting a grant for implementing Creative Placemaking on the site.

Resolutions:

Resolution 1-2020: "Resolution Amending the Term of Park/Recreation Shared Services agreement Between the County of Cape May and the Township of Middle for the Project Known as Middle Township Bike Path Northern Extension"; Motion made by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Craig; Mr. Lomax abstained from the vote; remainder of board in favor. Resolution to be signed by Mr. Craig as Vice-Chair. Term extended to 2/13/22.

Resolution 2-2020: "Resolution Amending the Terms of Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Cape May and Dennis Township with Regard to Dennis Township Portion of Countywide Regional Bikeway Phase 1"; Motion made by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Craig. Remainder of Board in favor. Term retroactive to 2/13/19 and extended to 2/14/21 and recommendation for additional \$430,000 will be made to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Resolution 3-2020: "Resolution Amending Term of Park/Recreation Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Cape May and the Township of Middle for the Project Known as Rio Grande Panther Park"; Motion made by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Byrne; Mr. Lomax abstained from the vote; remainder of board in favor. Resolution to be signed by Mr. Craig as Vice-Chair. Term extended to 9/13/20.

Partnership Commitment Discussion:

Mr. Craig noted that given the amount of investment that the County is making in park/recreation projects, when a project is given a name, the County should be included in the naming discussion. Mr. Mullen was asked to look into the language of the existing shared services agreement template to see if such a requirement was included, and to provide recommended language if there was none. Staff was asked to reach out to Middle Township to ensure that they are aware of this requirement.

It was determined that having the full board present for the Partnership Discussion was necessary, so discussion on this item was postponed to a future meeting.

Closed Session: Mr. Craig made a motion to go into Closed Session at 10:36 am. Mr. Byrne seconded the motion; All in favor.

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to Open Session at 10:56, upon a motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Byrne.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Adjournment: Mr. Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58. Mr. Byrne seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Lower Township Aquatic Center: Discussion related to the request by Lower Township for an additional \$4 million was held. The Board reached consensus on the following:

- The Board had set conditions with respect to the initial recommendation of \$3 million. The Township has not addressed these conditions.
- Clarity is needed with respect to the current request:
 - Updated site plan and revised building plans
 - Operating budget and expenses
 - Financial plan and budget
 - Details on Cape Regional Agreement

Ms. Gimeno was asked to send a letter to the Township outlining these concerns and requesting the additional information.

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