

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

At 6:00pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2020 and on October 17, 2020, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1 - 1.7, the previously advertised October 20, 2020, meeting of Northfield City Council, to be held in Council Chambers, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey, 08225, will be held in-person and as a remote public meeting (live-streamed) using Zoom conferencing service. Due to social distancing requirements related to Covid-19, there are limited seats for in-person attendance by members of the public. Visit October 20, 2020 on the events calendar page of www.cityofnorthfield.org determine current availability for this meeting. Face coverings and social distancing will be required for in-person attendance. To reserve an available seat, contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 609-641-2832, ext 125, from the date of publication of this notice, until 2:00pm on October 20th, 2020. Once all available seats have been reserved, virtual attendance will be required using a web-browser to Join the Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86064028409> or by telephone +13126266799, 86064028409# US (Chicago), +16465588656,86064028409# US (New York), Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 558 8656 US (New York), +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown), +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose),+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 860 6402 8409. For those wishing to comment during the dedicated public comment portion of the meeting, but who may be unable to attend (in person or via Zoom), public comments may also be submitted in advance via email to scampbell@cityofnorthfield.org, or by written letter to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield NJ 08225, or by hand delivery to the drop box at the rear of the municipal building, addressed to the attention of the Municipal Clerk. Comments shall contain the name and address of the author, will be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting, and must be received by 2:00pm on October 20, 2020. The meeting agenda and relevant documents can be found on the municipal website at <http://www.cityofnorthfield.org/government/council-agendas.asp>. The meeting will start with a work session at 6:00 p.m., with the regular session immediately following, and formal action may be taken.

Municipal Clerk Canesi read the following statement:

“Since March 24, 2020, Northfield City Council continues to provide access to and participation at its meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic through the use of Zoom video-conferencing and in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Orders and the Open Public Meetings Act.

This evening, we are pleased to welcome back members of the public, on a limited basis to attend in-person.

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Zoom meeting participants can dial in by telephone and listen to the proceedings, or they can access the meeting using a web-browser, and be able to view and listen.

Instructions on how members of the public can access Zoom have been made available on the municipal website and FB pages, and were published in the Press of Atlantic City. The full text of the public meeting notice has been posted at the entrances to the municipal building and includes Zoom instructions, information on where to find the meeting agenda and relevant documents, as well as instructions on how members of the public could submit comments in advance of tonight's meeting.

For those participating via Zoom, all participants will be 'muted' upon entry to the meeting. Web-browser participants will not be able to share their screens or see the camera-view of anyone other than the host, which is the City of Northfield.

Zoom participants wishing to exercise their right to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting should wait until the specific announcement is made to open the public comment period. At this time, one by one, any telephone users will be asked to identify themselves and will be unmuted to permit commentary. For web-browser participants, comments or questions may be submitted via the chat function and will not be acknowledged outside of the designated public-comment portion of the meeting; chat-users must also provide his/her name and address for the record in order to be heard.

Any written comments submitted in advance will be read aloud and addressed during the public comment portion of the meeting."

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Councilman O'Neill.

ROLL CALL

Present (in person): Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Korngut, Councilwoman Madden; Councilman O'Neill; Councilman Utts; Council President Perri;

Present (via zoom): Councilman Smith*

Absent: Mayor Chau

Solicitor Stein and Engineer Nassar were also in attendance.

Chief Newman was present via telephone.

**Clerk Canesi announced that due to technical difficulties, Councilman Smith would participate via speaker-telephone, as opposed to Zoom.*

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Council President Perri welcomed everyone stating it was nice to see faces in the audience again. He also welcomed those livestreaming on Zoom.

Council President Perri then moved to old business.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

- Radio Tower, Rear of City Hall– *In person presentation TBD*

Council President Perri reported he was trying to get a representative to come in person, that date had not been scheduled.

- Proposed Dog Park – *Councilwoman Korngut*
 - *DRAFT Ordinance Permitting Dogs in Birch Grove*
 - *DRAFT Lease Agreement, Authorizing Resolution*

Councilwoman Korngut explained that there was some language that Clerk Canesi had some concerns with that Councilwoman Korngut had no problem adding in; such as the hours of Birch Grove Park would take precedence. The park wouldn't have any obligation to shovel if there was snow. She asked Clerk Canesi if she missed anything?

Clerk Canesi replied that there was the issue of the escrow deposit that the Chief Financial Officer had weighed-in on, and felt it was not in the City's best interest to fail to have some sort of protection for those fees.

Councilwoman Korngut replied that she addressed that last time. The concern was that people are donating to a non-profit, she didn't know what fees there would be but, if the dog park doesn't pay the lease ends, the City terminates the lease. The dog park would be foolish to not pay. They won't agree to that. She didn't see a risk to the City. She felt the issue came out of a portion of the lease that referred to improvements on the property that might involve the engineer and solicitor, they said in that regard, the only improvement would be a shed. If you want to say there will be no improvements then say that. We took a straw poll, it wasn't an issue, now the CFO is saying it should be an issue.

Clerk Canesi clarified that she felt the issue wasn't that the dog park wouldn't pay, the lease gives them 90 days before the lease would terminate for any sort of default. It seemed that we were treating the lease like this was a municipal project; we were treating this differently than any other agreement that we've ever had, and that's fine. However, there's no protection for the City. Canesi suggested that if there was a public safety emergency that language be put in the lease to allow the Chief of Police to close the dog park; this suggestion was not incorporated into the lease. These are all things we would put in a lease with any other entity. Clerk Canesi's job, as Administrator, was to make sure we comply with leases, contracts etc. She reminded

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Council that she does not get a vote, she needed to let them know of possible pitfalls and they vote that's fine.

Council President Perri asked if item number 15 on the lease reflected the risk management's recommendation?

Clerk Canesi replied, no. They also said they want the insurance coverage in force on day one. As she understood, the City was going to continue to maintain the property until the dog park makes improvements according to the lease. She wasn't sure how we could impose an insurance requirement if they were not responsible for the premises until the date in the future on which they break ground.

Councilwoman Korngut replied that the only reason for that was that it could take six months to get up and going. She stated that Mayor Chau mentioned the City pulling it back if they don't get it up and going, as a result the solicitor added something in there that if they don't get it up and going in a year, we take it back. She didn't think it was unreasonable for Public Works to maintain it because if it never gets going then you pull it back. As far as to say the City has no protection, the protection is that it gets pulled back and you rescind the lease.

Clerk Canesi noted that there is 90 days' notice required in the default clause. They have 90 days from the day they are given notice that they are in default before the lease ends.

Councilwoman Korngut stated, ok, so for three months they get to run rampant?

Clerk Canesi stated that is not how we would treat a private lease. We would require an escrow deposit, but we're not and there is language stating once they are in default, we put them on notice and 90 days later the lease ends.

Council President Perri asked Solicitor Stein to comment.

Solicitor Stein replied that he prepared the lease.

Clerk Canesi asked if the lease was Egg Harbor Township's lease?

Solicitor Stein replied yes, but the 90 days ended up by default.

Clerk Canesi stated that Egg Harbor Township's was 60 days.

Solicitor Stein replied it can be any days.

Clerk Canesi advised that there was nothing in the lease that lets us close the park down because it's not what we thought it would be.

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Councilwoman Korngut felt you shouldn't be able to shut it down that day immediately without notice to the dog park.

Clerk Canesi asked if there was a representative from the dog park here or was Councilwoman Korngut the sole representative?

Councilwoman Korngut believed the chairperson would be on zoom.

Clerk Canesi expressed her confusion as to Councilwoman Korngut's position.

Councilwoman Korngut said her position is zero. She will not be on the 501c3, she would not have anything to do with it when it gets voted on, she hadn't had anything to do with it, she drafted the resolution that was changed anyway.

Councilman Dewees stated Councilwoman Korngut was the only one speaking on behalf of the dog park.

Solicitor Stein commented that he had asked that question of Councilwoman Korngut early on. In regard to the lease, he can handle most of what was suggested. As to the escrow situation; it was strange, there is usually an escrow that was one-and-one-half times the rent; this rent is one dollar. This was for the benefit of the community, there are people who may want it, and people who may not want it. He did not know what the relevant escrow number would be. He could change some of the things; the Chief can close park down, that would go to the next Council meeting and gets voted on. He suggested if we put in the lease something along the lines that the Chief's denial be voted on at the next meeting. The onus falls to the dog park people to appeal the Council's decision. This gives the dog park people the ability to go to court to appeal. The other choice was 30 days, he was not suggesting the dog park people wouldn't run it well.

Clerk Canesi was not suggesting dog park people won't do exactly what they should do, she said her job was to account for the 'in case'. "How do we protect the taxpayer in case they don't?"

Solicitor Stein felt the appeal process was a quick method and gives everyone the right to litigate in court.

Clerk Canesi advised that Alyson Bakley was on the Zoom chat; Mrs. Bakley identified herself as Chair of the dog park.

Solicitor Stein added that he was just giving suggestions and wasn't sure how everyone felt about that.

Council President Perri felt it was standard operating procedure for a municipality and it should be incorporated.

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Solicitor Stein can put in lease that in case of an emergency the dog park can be shut down.

Council President Perri confirmed they can appeal to the Council?

Solicitor Stein replied they would have 10 days to file for an appeal.

Councilwoman Korngut did not feel the dog park people would accept it; she asked if they (Alyson or Melanie) could speak for themselves?

Council President Perri noted the meeting was not yet open to the public.

Councilwoman Korngut said she was not going to speak for them, but they would not feel protected if they have to provide an escrow account. It works well in other towns, let them speak and have their say, but she did not think they will go for it.

Solicitor Stein suggested alternate language.

Councilwoman Korngut suggested that the dog park voluntarily pay counsel fees.

Solicitor Stein reiterated alternate language and timeframes for them to come up with money. It may take time for them to raise funds. After a notice of violation, if the issue was not corrected, the City could file eviction action. They could add that in the event the City prevails, the City would be entitled to counsel fees.

Council President Perri asked what if they don't have any money?

Solicitor Stein replied that landlord-tenant was not a big item; if the dog park wins and there's no basis for eviction action, there would be no counsel fees. He understands Council President Perri's point, if they were evicted, there was no incentive to raise money. The fee for landlord tenant court shouldn't be more than \$750.00.

Councilwoman Korngut felt that was a minimal risk to the taxpayer.

Council President Perri said, just to put it in perspective, there's only one other lease agreement in the community. The Volunteer Fire Department. This was something that stands alone. The Fire Department provides a public service through a 501c3. This is something that is crucial and should be done to the fullest advantage of the governing body. He opened up to Council for their opinion.

Councilman Dewees stated that he and Councilman Utts met with the Birch Grove Park Advisory, they gave a presentation. The Board was opposed to the dog park at Birch Grove Park. One concern was the proximity to the playground and nearby homes. Another was the dog park path from where visitors would park, to the

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entrance to the actual park. Additionally, who was going to maintain that if there was dog waste along the path. They also touched briefly on the environmental impact, and the disturbance of other wildlife in the area.

Councilman Utts added another question was would there be a need for electric.

Councilwoman Korngut replied, yes, they would need electric, but it was not present at this time.

Councilman Dewees stated that while these were some of the concerns, the Board was opposed to the dog park at Birch Grove.

Councilwoman Korngut, said for the record, that she presented this to the Advisory Board in the past and there were no issues.

Councilwoman Madden asked how long had the dog park been in existence in Egg Harbor Township?

Councilwoman Korngut replied, 5 years.

Councilwoman Madden asked had there been any issues?

Councilwoman Korngut replied not anything with the City or dogs running wild.

Clerk Canesi noted there was language in the Egg Harbor Township lease that if the dog park is abandoned or goes into default that the dog park has to pay to restore the property to its former condition, and pay all costs associated with getting another tenant. There was a section of other protections that did not make it into our lease.

Council President Perri asked if there was any other discussion?

Clerk Canesi asked would the insurance be required when the agreement goes into effect?

Council President Perri stated whatever the recommendation of the JIF was would be what is in the lease.

Clerk Canesi asked would the bylaws be incorporated into our code?

Solicitor Stein replied no; he would make it part of the lease.

Council President Perri would move for discussion at the next meeting and hoped we will get these issues ironed out.

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- Offer to Donate Private Property to the City – *Update if Applicable, Councilman Smith*

Councilman Smith did not have an update.

- Realignment of Birch Grove Road – *Update from Councilman Dewees*

Councilman Dewees had not received any responses from the residents. He has conferred with Engineer Nassar and would have something for the next meeting.

Engineer Nassar added that he hoped to have the bid documents for the next meeting.

- Zion Road Pump Station Easement – *Update from Council President Perri*

Council President Perri announced we were still negotiating the terms of the easement with new buyer of the property.

Solicitor Stein noted that the last number discussed was accepted; the attorney representing the property owner had asked that we hold them harmless. Once we had it, we would send to the JIF.

Council President Perri asked Solicitor Stein if he had the easement agreement?

Solicitor Stein replied that the grantor had it.

Council President Perri explained the new owner requested compensation, once we have all paperwork, more information would be provided. CFO Stollenwerk had indicated funds were available. He would like Council to look at it before we vote on it.

- Cedar Bridge Road Drainage – *Update from Engineer Nassar*

Engineer Nassar did not have an update at this time.

- Northfield Avenue at Rt 9 Drainage – *Update from Engineer Nassar*

Engineer Nassar reported that he got an email back from the State, we needed to find out who owns the system; he was having difficulty finding records from when it was built. We did not have as built. He was unable to determine who did the connection. These were questions we were being asked by the State. Engineer Nassar would respond with what he knew.

Council President Perri suggested asking them the same questions.

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- Oxford and Bay Force Main Break – *Update from Engineer Nassar, requested by Council President Perri*

Council President Perri moved to Oxford and Bay Force Main Break.

Engineer Nassar explained we had two patches, one by Bay Avenue that was done by Kline; they did not do the final restoration and were now out of business. The second patch was done in April, Engineer Nassar contacted the County inspector for information, it was our permit with Lafayette as a contractor, which means it was our work. Lafayette patched it with cold patch and it is settling. The permit indicated final restoration was required.

Council President Perri asked if it was still our funds, because it's our contractor?

Engineer Nassar did not know if we were charged for the restoration; he would get the invoice and try to get to the bottom of it. The contract is very specific; if they fix a pipe the restoration is part of the cost, it is not separate. He would follow up.

Councilman O'Neill asked if there was any bond money left on the project?

Council President Perri replied that would be a legal question.

- Emergency Medical Services – *Update from Council President Perri*

Council President Perri gave an update on EMS. He advised that we did contact Linwood again, who is the lead agent, their committee had not gone out for RFP as of yet. The ball was in Linwood's court.

Councilman Smith asked will we know when they go out for RFP?

Clerk Canesi replied yes, the Linwood Clerk would communicate that to her.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities

Council President Perri moved to new business and grant opportunities.

Engineer Nassar reported that he and Clerk Canesi had a Zoom meeting with a representative from the state regarding the Transportation Set Aside Grant. It was a pre-application meeting on how to present the application in the best light. We needed some letters and resolutions from Council, we also needed a letter from the County Engineer, etc. He would have more for next the meeting.

Council President Perri thanked Engineer Nassar and Clerk Canesi.

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Engineer Nassar announced that he received a phone call from OEM coordinator Tim Joo regarding parking lot paving, he needed electrical service for the OEM trailer. Coordinator Joo was here and could provide details.

Tim Joo, OEM Coordinator, explained the trailer in the back of City Hall was an equipment trailer but can also serve as a mobile command post. The equipment needed a shoreline to ensure that it was always triple charged; Coordinator Joo acknowledged not following up on the electrical service. He needed a simple 110 line, nothing major, he was hoping the service could be provided as part of the parking lot improvements. This allowed the command center to be used without a generator.

Councilman Dewees replied he would look into it tomorrow.

Engineer Nassar explained it could go underground from the existing pole, but the current contract does not have electrical work in it. We would need a separate contract.

Councilman Perri asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

- Local Government Emergency Fund – *Clerk Canesi*

Clerk Canesi explained a recent change to the CARES Act which provided for previously excluded municipalities to apply for funding via the Local Government Emergency Fund. Our allocation is up to \$113,000.00. There are some restrictions, Clerk Canesi and CFO Stollenwerk were working on the application.

Council President Perri thanked Clerk Canesi.

Seeing no other new business, Council President Perri asked all to take out their agendas.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Perri reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda and made the assignments.

Councilwoman Madden requested Resolution 163-2020 be voted on separately.

PUBLIC SESSION/ FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Perri opened this portion of the meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic; he noted a five-minute limit per speaker.

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Paul McSorley, 614 Dolphin Avenue, had questions about the dog park. We are comparing the Egg Harbor Township dog park to ours. Egg Harbor Township was 75 square miles, we will have to share the park and paths with the dogs and dog park users? He asked if it was a necessity at this time? He asked had anyone consulted with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) about the runoff? He also asked if this was put up to a vote by the people?

Council President Perri replied; at this point in time, it was just the governing body. There was not a public meeting or referendum.

Bo Markovic, 731 West Mill Road, was here on dog park issue a few weeks ago, he did not know if he'd heard everything in the proposal. He asked would it be limited to certain breeds of dogs?

Council President Perri deferred to Councilwoman Korngut.

Councilwoman Korngut did not know; she would defer to the people who would be in charge of the dog park.

Mr. Markovic had two 120-pound Dobermans, he hoped there will be no discrimination.

Councilwoman Korngut stated there will be a big side and a little side.

Mr. Markovic asked would the insurance protect the dog park and the City?

Solicitor Stein replied yes.

Clerk Canesi added, only inside the dog park.

Solicitor Stein replied it was no different than you walking a dog on the bike path, the dog park area would require insurance. If you walk a dog on the bike path you wouldn't need insurance. The City had no liability.

Mr. Markovic did not understand how the City would be expected to pay the dog park for damages, the rent was a dollar.

Councilwoman Korngut stated it was just to protect from frivolous claims.

Mr. Markovic sees it from the City's perspective.

Councilwoman Korngut said no one should have to pay, they are operating it for the citizens of Northfield, no one was getting rich off the dog park.

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Jon Rickert, 405 Fuae Avenue, said he had spoken with folks who work at DEP and they were not consulted. The runoff is an issue. He believed the backwoods is all wetlands. He urged Council to get DEP approval and permits if needed before they find themselves in a lawsuit. This could also impact fish-stocking; if there was not something to prevent dog waste runoff, his concern was that the bacteria from the dog waste could be problematic. He acknowledged geese, but dogs have a certain diet and their waste had a different effect. It could contaminate the fish, and people eat them. He asked if the City was going to be testing the water?

Councilwoman Korngut asked if the water was tested now?

Mr. Rickert replied that he did not know but according to a government website, dog waste contaminates the water and creates algae blooms. He also felt this should be put up for a public vote; there were a lot of people that may have something to say. He was not opposed to a dog park; he thought the location was wrong.

Bill Garry, 202 St. James Place, was not in favor of dogs in Birch Grove Park. He was not in favor of dogs there now. Councilwoman Korngut says dog owners rat each other out. But Councilwoman Korngut asked Chief Newman to do something about dog waste. Dogs get excited, there were kids in the park, running around. He felt the cart was ahead of the horse, we don't have a corporate resolution we don't have officers. He was sure they were good people, but who were they? Where were they? The day this was brought up the person was from another town, that person said the Egg Harbor Township dog park was not full. When the newness wears off, we have fenceposts in the ground, who was going to remediate? It was not in the lease. Down the road the City would incur expenses. He didn't like the fact that there were no hours, he also thought weekends should be later. He felt the lease needed a lot of work, and it should be for the benefit of the City, not just to push through a dog park. We have dog parks close by. It shouldn't be pushed through at the expense of the City.

Councilwoman Korngut did not recall asking Chief Newman to take care of dog feces; she did not think that ever happened. She recalled the question about how many members were using the Egg Harbor Township dog park referring to how many members used it at one time.

Christine Taggart, 701 Burton Avenue, did not think we needed a dog park. She agreed with everyone who had already spoken. She asked would there be any costs to the residents if it fails. Why was there no escrow account? Who was the non-profit, who stands behind it, who runs it? Would Northfield residents get a vote in this? Will the nearby residents of Mazza Drive have to listen to nonstop barking from dawn to dusk? We have a bike path. She felt the park was used for other things. A dog could go after the geese. She reiterated that all residents should be asked, not just the Council.

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Tammy Rickert, 405 Fuae Avenue, as far as the dog park, she had some concerns, she assumed there would be a gate. What if a dog gets out and attacks a child? What if walking to and from the dog park someone loses control of their dog and a child is attacked. She agreed that the people should have a say. She would like to hear what the dog park people have to say.

Councilwoman Korngut was sure they would provide their phone number, and as the Council President said, they can speak during the public session.

Eileen Pantalena, 2002 Grove Road, President of the Advisory Board, she would like everyone to know that they had a full Board in attendance at their meeting, and not one person was in favor of the dog park. She had heard a lot of wonderful questions, and backed every one of them. She would like to know why the dog park people haven't come before the Council.

Councilwoman Korngut replied that she came and answered questions.

Mrs. Pantalena replied, but you won't be running it.

Councilwoman Korngut replied that if the Board had said no before, Councilwoman Korngut would not have gone to residents.

Clerk Canesi announced there were representatives from the dog park in the Zoom queue.

Alyson Bakley, 27 Juniper Drive, initially spoke via Zoom, and then by speaker-telephone due to an unforeseen technical issue that resulted in a substantial echo. She said they are a formed committee, they did research, they did move it further back in the park, you cannot see the playground from the dog park and vice versa. She felt there should be a larger meeting, things that they would need are electric. She didn't foresee needing water. The dogs would be required to have leashes. She did not see dog-attacks as an issue. There were no children under a certain age, she thought 14, permitted. There was no limitation on breeds but there will be a small dog section and large dog section. As far as liability, when she spoke with Councilwoman Korngut and the insurance folks, they would have an insurance policy that would cover a lot of these issues that are being talked about. She would like examples of issues that can help Council. She also stated that they should possibly have a meeting with more than five minutes time.

Councilwoman Korngut stated it was her understanding that Ms. Bakley doesn't have the need for a big meeting, but does not want to take up Council's time. Her research indicated there have been no issues.

Melanie Brozosky, 207 Surrey Avenue, via speaker-telephone, wanted to address the issues. She realized there will be a lot of questions, and that is not to say that we

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cannot research them and problem-solve. People with concerns can be helpful in forming solutions. This was not a mountain lion park; the level of intensity and fear was not justified. We are absolutely willing to listen to concerns and problem-solve but keep in mind that this is a fenced in area where people can come and enjoy the park.

Alicia Garry, 202 St. James Place, had submitted four written questions in advance of the meeting to be read by Clerk Canesi.

Mrs. Garry, question one: Any update if JIF requires any type of fence around the unlevel ground leading up to the fenced drain area at 1st Street playground.?

Councilman Dewees deferred to Council President Perri, and added that the JIF would be here for a Safety Inspection on November 19th.

Council President Perri asked Engineer Nassar to look at it.

Mrs. Garry, question two: At last council meeting it was reported that the 1st Street playground was being sanitized. Is Birch Grove Park playground also being sanitized? Is there a set day or maximum time span between each sanitization? What method of sanitization is being used?

Councilman Dewees advised the playground is being sanitized once a day in the morning excluding holidays, they are using nufoamicide with the Riyobi fogger.

Mrs. Garry, question three: Last November 2019 at council meeting Council approved \$1500 to decorate half of bike path from Tilton Rd. to end at Oakcrest Ave because the other half, from Tilton Rd to Dolphin did not have electrical power to all the light posts for Christmas. So that half was not decorated last Christmas. The electrical outlets were to be budgeted to be done for this year 2020. This year, according to the last council meeting, all of the bike path will be decorated for Christmas. So, were electrical outlets put on all the light posts so that the entire bike path will be decorated equally in the same manner? It should be all or none.

Councilman Dewees replied the work was scheduled to start October 22nd and the plan will proceed as scheduled. The exact time frame would be known once the work starts. The Department of Public Works was handling it.

Mrs. Garry, question four: Any updated status on negotiation between Northfield School Board and the City on who will pay additional shift for the Crossing Guards?

Council President Perri stated the Mayor was not here this evening, however Councilman Smith, Council President Perri, Mayor Chau, CFO Stollenwerk and the School Board President met last week. They were at an impasse, there was no resolve from the School, the Board or the Superintendent. As a City we were looking at the

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two week pay periods and what money was available, hopefully we would transfer funds in November. Whatever the outcome at the end of the year, there might be adjustments needed.

Donna Burns, 102 Woodberry Drive, Egg Harbor Township, Chairperson of Egg Harbor Township Dog Park Committee, stated she knew there were a lot of questions, she didn't want to answer them individually, herself and her committee could meet to answer these questions.

Council President Perri noted people would have to make reservations prior.

Mrs. Burns added that there were a lot of misconceptions, she wanted to make sure that everyone in the public knew she was available.

Council President Perri asked Mrs. Burns if there was there was DEP review of the site, prior?

Mrs. Burns replied, yes.

Mrs. Burns noted that one of the things someone asked about was about urine; there was dog poop and urine all over the bike path. It's the same thing. She would help people understand what this dog park will bring to the community. It is social, for people too.

Clerk Canesi asked in the Zoom chat if anyone else wished to speak.

Jon Rickert, 405 Fuae Avenue, referred to Mrs. Bakley saying she needed electric but not water. He pointed out that lease indicated utilities were the tenant's responsibility.

Councilwoman Korngut replied the dog park would be paying for it.

Eric Leeds, 802 Debora Street, stated if you have an Advisory Board, you should take what they advise you to do. There was a reason they said what they did.

Seeing no others wishing to speak, Council President Perri closed the public session.

At 8:00pm, on a motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman Utts, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk