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**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park was held in the Mayor's Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, on January 19, 2015 and was called to order by Mayor Keith Kazmark at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Council President Kallert, Councilman DeCesare, Councilwoman Gatti, Councilman Holloway, Councilman Spinelli, Councilwoman Pascrell and Mayor Kazmark

Absent: None

Kevin Galland, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Sandra Olivola, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Albert Buglione, Esq. and Steve Wielkocz, Auditor, were present.

Mayor Kazmark stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law P.L. 1975 c.231, notice requirements for this meeting were set forth detailing the time and place, with notice given to the public by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and transmitting copies to the Mayor, members of the Council, Officers and to The Herald News of Woodland Park where it was advertised on January 7, 2015.

The Mayor proposed that there are options for the Borough to obtain funding to undertake significant capital improvements in the Rose Place and Zaccaria Parks. The Mayor then turned the meeting over to the Borough Auditor, Steve Wielkocz.

Steve Wielkocz explained the Borough's options and the process to utilize funds for park capital improvements without having an impact on our debt service or the taxpayer. He stated that a portion of the Open Space Funding that the Borough receives on an annual basis can be utilized for open space. Mr. Wielkocz was excused from the meeting at this time.

Discussion: Funding and Improvements to Rose Place Park:

The Mayor explained that there are improvements the Borough wishes to make in Rose Place Park. The improvements include the walking paths which are the original walking paths, repairing cracks in the existing tennis courts, replacing the lighting in the park along the pathways, general cleanup of the park, driveway improvements including the existing parking lot and drainage issues. The Mayor then turned the meeting over to Nordan Murphy, Municipal Engineer, P.E.

Mr. Murphy prepared and handed out a preliminary construction cost estimate for construction. The estimated construction cost is \$567,650.00. This would include \$20,000.00 for landscaping, clearing pathways, eliminating the cement picnic tables, repairing the tennis courts and replace the lighting. This does not include clearing trees and adding clear space.

After further discussion it was decided that Mr. Murphy would look into different options for the tennis courts base and the cost for each option.

Discussions continued on the field house. Mr. Murphy stated that the building itself is in good shape except for the roof. The estimated cost to replace the roof is \$22,000.00. He explained that once the roof is opened up, if they find structural damage then there will be a need to revisit that price.

Discussion: Funding and Improvements to Zaccaria Park:

Nordan Murphy, Municipal Engineer, P.E. prepared and handed out a preliminary construction cost estimate for construction which is \$147,775.00. He stated that a grant application was prepared this year in the amount of \$147,000.00 to provide a walkway and a floating dock which will span out into Henderson pond for about 70 feet. This amount does not include the walkway going all the way around the pond.

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Discussions ensued on how to continue the pathway all the way around the pond. It was decided that Mr. Murphy will provide estimates for a 3 Phase work effort to allow the pathways to continue around Henderson Pond.

It was further decided that Mr. Murphy would provide estimates for the following improvements at a follow up meeting on or about February 23, 2015: patching and bonding the concrete slab and incorporate two shelters with picnic benches as well as an estimate to remove and replace the concrete slab; paving to a cul-de-sac with curbing; rubber/plastic borders around the existing playground; replacement of the younger playground equipment; making the existing soccer field into a full size soccer field and the cost estimate for turf and lighting on that field; replacing the basketball court and expanding the parking area.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Kazmark opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There being no one wishing to be heard, the Public Hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Councilman DeCesare, seconded by Councilwomen Gatti and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin V. Galland
Municipal Clerk

Keith Kazmark
Mayor