

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
HELD ON APRIL 6, 2016**

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 April 6, 2016 and was called to order by Mayor Keith Kazmark at 6:45 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Kevin Galland, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Sandra Olivola, Deputy Municipal Clerk and Albert Buglione, Esq., 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 March 9, 2016.

Mayor Kazmark thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He advised that the Borough is once again applying for an Open Space Grant from the County of Passaic. He gave a brief synopsis of the imposed improvements to Zaccaria Park and Rose Place Park such as the walking paths; installing of decorative lighting; tennis courts; basketball court as well as a dock being installed at Henderson Pond.

He stated that Phase 2 of the improvements is adding a turf soccer field to replace the existing soccer field at Zaccaria Park. He advised that the soccer league is very active here in town, they use the field 7 days a week and it is very hard to maintain. He further advised that after looking at all the options to give the soccer league the best facility we can, without question a turf field is definitely the answer.

Mayor Kazmark further advised that we are in the second round of funding and the Passaic County Freeholder very graciously awarded the Borough in 2015 a \$250,000.00 grant for the soccer field. The cost for the entire project is going to be somewhere in the \$700,000.00 range, so this year we will be applying for a second round of funding for this purpose.

Lastly, he advised that the Borough will receive a \$24,000.00 grant to develop phase 3 of our overall project at Zaccaria Park, which is a walk path around Henderson Pond.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Upon Motion made by Council President Spinelli, and seconded by Councilwoman Kallert and unanimously passed on roll call vote, a Public Hearing was opened regarding Zaccaria Park.

Joan Murko – 50 Casson Lane, Woodland Park stated that she would like to see something like a boardwalk for a walkway that would link Casson Lane and Zaccaria Park.

Connie Paolillo – Parkside Terrace, Woodland Park stated her concern is with the children and adults trespassing on her property to get to Zaccaria Park. She said that she was told by the town that a fence will be installed. She asked if the fence was still an option.

Tina Fiorellino – Parkside Terrace, Woodland Park stated that she has the same concern as Connie Palollo with the children and adults trespassing on her property to get to the park. She also complained that they dropped their garbage when they cut through.

Alison Billingsbe – Rose Place, Woodland Park stated that she grew up in her house, when her parents passed she chose to stay in the house. She has known Rose Place Park her whole life and loves the park. She advised that she has complained before and is pleading now that something be done with the basketball court. She said these kids are on the basketball court from morning until night. In the last couple of months there are at least 20 to 25 people crammed on this court with multiple balls bouncing, offensive language and offensive music playing. I can't have my nieces and nephews visit because of the offensive language and music.

Upon Motion made by Councilman DeCesare, and seconded by Councilman Holloway, and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Kazmark address all four speakers and thanked them for being consistent and persistent and stated that all of these concerns we have talked about at one time or another.

He addressed Mrs. Murko and stated that he knows he has spoken to her about the boardwalk concept. He advised that he and Councilwoman Pascrell and Councilwoman Kallert met with the engineer to go over, what is very close to being finalized plans before it goes out to bid. At this meeting they talked about that boardwalk concept and connecting the area behind Henderson Pond. He said he doesn't see why it couldn't also be done to connect Casson Lane. He advised that they would need to revisit this concept with all the residents on Casson Lane, but the boardwalk concept is in the plan.

He addressed Mrs. Poalillo and Mrs. Fiorellino and advised them that a fence is going to be installed with the hope that it will work as a deterrent to keep people from cutting through the properties to get to the park. He also stated he will talk to DPW on getting an appropriate trash receptacle in the area for the garbage.

He addressed Mrs. Billingsbe and advised that the plan does include the development of a buffer zone between the basketball courts and the residents. He also stated that he will speak with Chief Galietti in getting his department to pay extra attention to the basketball court area.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted by one resolution. The items listed herein will be acted upon after having been read. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any member of this Governing Body, and if so removed, will be acted upon as a separate matter.

- A. **A resolution authorizing the submission of an application for a grant from the Passaic County Open Space Fund, which would fund the artificial turf field for Zaccaria Park and further authorizes Kevin Galland, the Borough Administrator, to act as the authorized correspondent in all matters related to this grant application specifically granting him signature authority on the application forms for this grant.**

**GRANT APPLICATION  
ZACCARIA PARK ARTIFICIAL FIELD TURF**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, desire to install an artificial turf field at Zaccaria Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council further recognize that funds are available from the Passaic County Open Space Fund for such work effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to apply for a grant from the Passaic County Open Space Fund, which would fund the artificial turf field project at Zaccaria Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the Trust Fund requirements, notification of this public hearing appeared in The Herald News on March 9, 2016 and all property owners within a 200 foot radius of the property have also been notified, via certified mail, of a hearing to be held at a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park on April 6, 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize submission of an application to the Passaic County Open Space Fund for a grant for an artificial turf field in Zaccaria Park in an amount not to exceed \$561,775.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council authorizes Kevin Galland, the Borough's Administrator, to act as the authorized correspondent in all matters related to this grant application specifically granting him signature authority on the application forms for this grant.

Upon Motion made by Councilman President Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Holloway, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted on roll call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Councilwoman Pascrell, seconded by Councilwoman Gatti and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin V. Galland  
Municipal Clerk

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Keith Kazmark  
Mayor