

**WOODLAND PARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 15, 2017 at 6:45 PM**

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park was held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, on February 15, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Keith Kazmark at 6:45 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Pascrell and Councilwoman Spinelli

Kevin Galland, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Sandra Olivola, Deputy Municipal Clerk and Albert Buglione, Municipal Attorney, were present.

The Mayor Stated in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L.1975 notice requirements for this special meeting were advertised in the Herald News on January 30, 2017 detailing the time and place of this meeting and with notice given to the public by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC HEARING:

**2017 Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation
Trust Fund Grant Application**

Before opening the public hearing on the 2017 Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grant application, Mayor Kazmark explained this application is for Zaccaria Park in which the borough has been accumulating money for the past ten years. He publicly thanked the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their generosity awarding almost \$250,000.00 towards the Borough's Open Space and subsequently \$150,000.00 towards a natural turf field at Zaccaria Park.

Upon Motion made by Council President Holloway, and seconded by Councilwoman Gatti the Public Hearing was open to the public and unanimously adopted on roll call vote.

Allison Billingsby 208 Rose Place, voiced her concern about the trees that have been cut down and cleared out behind her house which served as a buffer zone for the basketball courts in Rose Place Park. The basketball court is now very open, there is no privacy anymore and the noise is louder. She was told by Nordan Murphy, Borough Engineer that replacement trees were going to be planted in September/October and it didn't happen. She has been on the fence as to whether she put her house up for sale because of this issue. She has lost privacy and has to deal with the bad language and loud noise from the basketball court. She has a hard time with the noise particularly because she works from home. She is questioning when the trees are going to be planted, what size of tree and what kind. Lastly, she is not feeling confident that the trees will help with the noise issue and needs to know what is going to be done about it.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, upon Motion made by Councilman DeCesare, and seconded by Council President Holloway the Public Hearing was closed to the public and unanimously adopted on roll call vote.

Mayor Kazmark explained to Ms. Billingsby, the plan is to plant a wall of trees that will outline the basketball court. The trees to be planted will be hardy and unfriendly to the deer population. These trees will hopefully buffer most of the sound coming from the basketball court. When our grant writer came to the Mayor and Council with the Green Acres grant program, they looked at this as an opportunity to enhance the buffer zone behind all the resident's homes including Highview Ave. He stated they are hopeful this effort will help buffer even more of the noise. He further advised, he had a conversation with Chief Gallietti regarding when the weather breaks to enhance the level of patrol at Rose Place Park.

Resolution R17-78 a resolution by the Mayor and Council to make application for a 2017 Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grant for the replacement of a natural grass soccer field at Zaccaria Park with synthetic field turf to upgrade the facility, reduce maintenance costs and improve access and field availability.

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey desire to make improvements to Zaccaria Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are requesting funding through the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Shared Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the Borough of Woodland Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey hereby confirm the endorsement of the aforesaid project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Passaic County Department of Planning.

Upon Motion made by Councilman DeCesare, and seconded by Councilwoman Kallert, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted on roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Councilwoman Gatti, seconded by Council President Holloway and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin V. Galland
Municipal Clerk

Keith Kazmark
Mayor