

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING**

The following are the Minutes from a Special Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Mayor and Council that was held on March 13, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm in the Municipal Building, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ.

Mayor Michael Serra read the Open Public Meeting Law Statement of Compliance.

A roll call indicated that the following members were present: Mayor Michael Serra, Council President Terri Reicher, Councilwoman Jennifer Polidori, Councilman William Baig, Erik DeLine, and Ekamon Venin. Councilman Frank Jaconetta arrived to the Meeting at 6:37pm.

Also present were Kelly Miller, Borough Attorney, Kevin Boyle, Borough Administrator and Elizabeth Brandsness, Municipal Clerk.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilwoman Polidori to open the Meeting to the public. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to make comments.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Baig to close the Meeting to the public. All voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation – Mini Park Library

Abe Goll

Beverly Berkowitz

Mered Frankle

Mayor Serra stated members of Congregation Beth Shalom would provide a presentation this evening for a proposed Mini Park that would be located at the Library.

Mr. Goll stated he was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and reported the Temple was recently sold after being part of the community for eighty-four years. Mr. Goll stated the Board for the Congregation has agreed to offer a monetary donation for a proposed Mini Park to be located at the Library. Mr. Goll stated the proposed Mini Park would enhance the downtown area along with providing a legacy for the Congregation. Mr. Goll stated the sale of the building generated funds and provides for a gift donation in the amount of \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Mr. Goll provided drawings of the proposed plans for a Mini Park and cautioned the project would need to be completed within a short timeframe.

Mayor Serra stated he has concerns with the project and both the Business Improvement District and the Friends of the Library have voiced concerns with such a project. Mayor and Council provided alternative gift projects; special needs playground and a historical museum. Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a historical home in need of repair for a historic museum. Mayor and Council continued discussions for a handicap assessable playground located in Hershfield Park.

Mayor and Council agreed to further explore the matter and a committee was formed; Councilmen Baig, Councilman Venin, and Councilwoman Polidori. The committee will continue discussions with members of the Congregation Beth Shalom to agree on a project that enhances the community and compliments the legacy.

Motion moved by Councilman Baig second by Councilman Jaconetta to adjourn the Meeting at 6:55pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

ATTEST:

**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

APPROVED:

MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA