

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2023  
POMPTON LAKES OPEN SPACE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Mayor, Mike Serra	<b>X</b>	
Council President, Jennifer Polidori	<b>X</b>	
Councilwoman, Maria Kent	<b>X</b>	
Zoning Board - Jared Luciani		<b>X</b>
Shade Tree - Randy Hinton	<b>X</b>	
Recreation - Karen Murphy		
Environmental Protection Committee – Michael Meeker	<b>X</b>	
Flood Advisory Board - Julie Doncoes	<b>X</b>	
Planning Board - Mike Simone		<b>X</b>
District 1 – Jason Lovasi	<b>X</b>	
District 2 – Michael Fasouletos	<b>X</b>	
District 3 – Mike Riga		<b>X</b>
District 4 – Tim Troast	<b>X</b>	
District 5 – Dawn Zanetti		<b>X</b>
District 6 – Lloyd Kent	<b>X</b>	
Secretary – Bernadette Chillemi	<b>X</b>	
Alternates: Mike Barbera	<b>X</b>	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion to approve November 10, 2022 minutes:**

Motion: Lloyd Kent  
Second: Randy Hinton

**BUDGET:** \$479,126<sup>1</sup>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2023 Game Plan: Mayor, Michael Serra asked committee to think of additional ideas for this upcoming year.
  - a) Randy Hinton would like to see the Gazebo in Lakeside Park redone. Council President, Jennifer Polidori advised that Dan O’Rourke will be replacing the roof and it is already in process. Conference call with County Open Space, Jessie Summers regarding the current Open Space funds and asking for an extension rather than transferring money to keep moving forward for Willow

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<sup>1</sup> \$18,000 balance as to Willow Field; \$50,000 earmarked for Carlough Field; and \$164,000 earmarked for Hershfield

Field. No monies are being used now and it is expected to be receiving another \$100,000.

- b) Llyod Kent would like to see the floating dock extended at Lakeside Park. Mayor Serra advised that the costs of pricing is too high. Will need to hold off to see if the prices will come down.
- c) Carlough Field – Mayor Serra advised that PLRYO will need to submit its plan before starting any work. No plans have been submitted yet.
- d) Pacifico-Gallo – Randy Hinton would like to explore options for artificial surface at the park. Council President Polidori is to visit Tom’s River for added ideas/pricing. Randy Hinton spoke about the surface that was used in Butler and the dog park on Black Oak Ridge Road, Wayne. It was discussed to have the gates changed to self-locking gates.
- e) Hershfield Park and West Lenox Bridges – Mayor Serra advised that the County will be replacing the bridges in Hershfield Park and at West Lenox. Questions were raised as to the collapsing headwall in Hershfield and whether or not the headwall will be fixed at the time of installation. Randy Hinton asked about trout stocking. Mike Barbera reminded Mayor and committee that summer camp runs the month of July and to keep that in mind when scheduling the new bridge installation at Hershfield Park.

**OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES:**

- a) Willow Field Approved Project  
Will move forward and the Borough requested the engineers will provide new numbers. Will apply for Recreation Grant in the amount of \$100,000. Will use the grant for either this project or something else recreation related. The Flood Advisory Board suggested that a landscaper be hired to water the trees for a 1-2 year period in order to promote growth of any newly planted trees, etc. Flood Advisory Board will prepare a memo requesting funds for watering of the plants. DPW will take care of the weeding.
- b) Hershfield Park  
The new bridge will need to be installed first. As previously discussed, the bathrooms and storage shed are to be completed in Phase I.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Motion to open meeting to public: Lloyd Kent  
Second: Michael Fasouletos

**No Public Comments**

Motion to close the meeting to public discussion: Lloyd Kent  
Second: Michael Fasouletos

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion: Lloyd Kent  
Second: Randy Hinton

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

*Bernadette Chillemi*  
Bernadette Chillemi, Secretary