

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2022
POMPTON LAKES OPEN SPACE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Minutes – January : Approved
 Motion: Tim Troast
 Second: Mike Fasouletos

Open Space Balance - \$502,974¹

Project Timeline:

Hershfield Park Project.

Jennifer Polidori confirmed that the locations of bathrooms and buildings need to remain at their current locations.

Phase 1: The details will be finalized by March 18, 2022. The grant will be for the beginning of this year and into next year. The project will be for the bathrooms and storage building.

Phase 2: This phase will include the replacement of the current path and addition of tables with charging ports. It has been advised that the same material will need to be used for the path. The Mayor advised that the Borough is usually awarded what is asked but reminded the committee that the funds must be used within 2 years in order to receive additional grant money.

Mike Simone advised that the path was not constructed right. The path was meant for walking, but not strong enough to drive on and requires edge support.

¹ Balance not accounting the promise to allocate \$100,000 to the Willow Field Project

Karen Murphy asked that the new building can be constructed with a second floor. The Mayor advised that the building needs to be the same footprint; however, a loft would be acceptable. More space can be achieved by adding shelving, etc. Karen Murphy asked if the tennis courts can be restriped for pickle ball courts. The courts are in bad shape and the Mayor would like to go back to the Board of Education for some funding. Mayor also advised Ms. Murphy to have the Recreation Commission vote on striping the courts.

While waiting for the county to finalize the Hershfield grant, Jennifer Polidori suggested that we proceed with the Pacifico-Gallo Park Project. The existing grant for Joe Grill Field is for 2022 and 2023.

Pacifico-Gallo Park Project:

The suggestion is to start the Pacifico-Gallo Park Project with current Open Space Funds. An estimated cost between \$200,000 - \$225,000 will include the cost for demolition of older equipment and table, supply and installation of free standing pieces for tween aged children and inclusive play pieces for use of children ages two (2) to five (5). Jennifer Polidori will work on finalizing the costs. There are three (3) options of mulch for the play area: rubber slab, rubber interlocking pieces or wood chips. Mike Simone does not recommend rubber interlocks and suggests removal of the wood chips by other means. The Mayor advised that the DPW cannot spray to kill weeds/grass and that we would need to hire outside of the Borough. It was decided that the basketball court should remain in its current location and the boat ramp should remain as well.

Jennifer Polidori suggested that the committee vote on moving forward on the Pacifico-Gallo Park Project.

All in Favor YES
Opposed NO

After the unanimous vote to move forward with the Pacifico-Gallo Park Project, Jennifer Polidori thanked the committee and advised that she will proceed with submitting a formal proposal to the council for their review and consideration.

Willow Field Project

To be completed by October, 2022.

Lakeside Project

Discussed removal of fence. The DPW does not have the capacity to remove the fence; would need a retain a company outside of the Borough. Gravel is to be done in the spring. Karen Murphy advised that the roof on the gazebo is in rough shape and needs to be replaced. It was discussed that the boat house roof was replaced and that the gazebo roof only had missing tiles replaced. Jennifer Polidori discussed to have the area revisited in the spring and to determine if the gazebo can be repainted and have the steps at the dock looked at.

Jared Luciani commended the committee on their ongoing efforts. Additionally, he asked if the committee could visit Carlough field. PLYO has raised significant money on their own but

needs more funding. Mr. Luciani requested assistance with some downed trees. Randy Hinton advised that Shade Tree can visit the area and the DPW can assist with removal. Jennifer Polidori requested Mr. Luciani to follow up mid-year to have discussions on Carlough Field.

Motion to Open Meeting for Public Discussion:

Motion: Randy Hinton
Second: Michael Serra

Public Discussion: None

Motion to Close Public Discussion

Motion: Michael Serra
Second: Tim Troast

Motion to adjourn meeting:

Motion: Tim Troast
Second: Mike Fasouletos

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bernadette Chillemi
Bernadette Chillemi, Secretary