

AUGUST 27, 2019
WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Cape May Point was called to order by Mayor Moffatt at 12:02 PM. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by the Mayor who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Moffatt, Commissioner Mullock and Commissioner vanHeeswyk answered roll call. Also in attendance: Administrator Steve O'Connor and Clerk Elaine Wallace.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Lake Lily: The Borough received one bid for the porous walkway. The \$85,000 bid was higher than anticipated, but the project will still be within the budget. Commissioner Mullock was in favor of awarding the bid. The porous walkway was unanimously selected as the best surface, even though the cost is much higher than concrete would have been. Another factor to consider is the County's requirement that the project be completed by the end of October to qualify for the grant money. All commissioners were in agreement. The final phase will be landscaping and Commissioner Mullock is looking for a more artistic, natural look for the final product so maybe the borough could get some input from an artistic source.

Sunset Boulevard: The County has a final design and a public forum will be held in September in West Cape May. Details will be released shortly. Commissioner Mullock is pleased with the final plan since it includes the Borough's preferred bike path layout and location.

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION (NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS)

2019 Dune Day Plan: Commissioner vanHeeswyk expressed concern that dune grass not be planted seaward, thus extending the dunes into the "blanket" area of the beach. Commissioner Mullock stated they are cognizant of the concern and plant within the trough and toward the trees, not the water.

Commissioner vanHeeswyk attended a census meeting the previous week and confirmed that people can decide where they want to be counted whether it is Cape May Point or their permanent residence. By using Cape May Point, it increases the figures for Cape May County which helps bring in more funding. It might not make as big an impact elsewhere. Mrs. vanHeeswyk also spoke about a recent letter from the Postmaster changing the way addresses with post office boxes must be printed or items would be returned to sender. Due to new employees rotating into the post office to fill in for the usual employee, there has been a lot of confusion. There was some discussion about the various problems that have been occurring and how they might be resolved. Commissioner Mullock suggested getting Congressman Van Drew involved.

Mayor Moffatt reported the police have stepped up enforcement in town of parking and other matters. In addition, the code enforcement officers have been giving citations for trash. He also reported that there have been a few complaints about the

speed sign on Cape Avenue, but it has been working to decrease speeding. Commissioner vanHeeswyk commented that it might not be our first choice, but it is in the County right-of-way and if its working, it shouldn't be changed.

Commissioner Mullock reminded everyone of the beach cleanup on Saturday, September 21st. He won't be able to attend because his daughter is getting married that day. He usually brings coffee and donuts, but this time he will be providing a pastry and coffee table for everyone to enjoy.

The meeting recessed for a short break at 12:51 pm and reconvened at 12:55 pm on motion of Commissioner Mullock, seconded by Mayor Moffatt.

RESOLUTIONS:

87-19 Resolution in Support of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Petition for Rulemaking to Amend the Uniform Construction Code

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

88-19 Approval of Bill List

Motions: vanHeeswyk, Moffatt

Roll call: all in favor

89-19 Award of Contract for Lake Lily Park Walkway Contract #2

Motions: Mullock, vanHeeswyk

Roll call: all in favor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mary Kelly expressed confusion about zoning and changes that happen between the time a permit is issued and a CO is issued. If the plans change in the interim, she didn't understand how that gets documented or if nothing happens until the final zoning review happens. Commissioner vanHeeswyk stated without the solicitor present, she was hesitant to misstate anything. Ms. Kelly had questions about eco-pavers on the property next to hers being placed where they weren't show on the plan. In addition, what was shown on the plan as a fire pit is more like a fireplace with chimney. Commissioner vanHeeswyk explained the governing body isn't the body to answer her questions. Ms. Kelly stated she didn't expect them to but wanted to make them aware of what is happening in town. She is concerned of the impact on the entire town, not just this one property. She and another neighbor have an appointment to meet with the Zoning Officer the following day. Ms. Kelly then handed out copies of an article from Penn State Extension about ways to reduce stormwater, one of which is trees. There was also a benefit calculator that calculates how much stormwater a given tree can absorb in a year. She quoted figures for the trees removed from her neighboring property. She sees trees as an easy way to fix the problem of stormwater. Commissioner Mullock stated public discussions like this are very important and he'd like to see more projects go before the zoning board to allow the public to have input.

Sandy Allison liked the green signs put on trash that wasn't property put out, but she didn't understand the purpose it serves if the owner isn't here. Mayor Moffatt explained it is a notice of violation that is given first. If it isn't rectified, the owner gets a summons.

Public Works Supervisor Bill Gibson announced the recycling cans will be delivered later in the day. Catherine Busch asked that they not be given out until a letter can be sent to property owners explaining the process and giving extra information on proper recycling. Bill Gibson agreed and will wait to distribute. He asked that the letter advise people they must bring a water or tax bill to prove they are property owners. The cans will be given out on a first come, first served basis. Another 300 cans will be purchased in 2020.

When no one else wished to speak, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm on motion of Commissioner Mullock, seconded by Commissioner vanHeeswyk.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Elaine L. Wallace, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Commissioner Mullock

Commissioner vanHeeswyk

Mayor Moffatt