

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK  
280 GODWIN AVENUE  
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432  
June 29, 2020**

**7:00 P.M. –Special Meeting Minutes**

**On June 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the Mayor and Council of Midland Park will conducted an Electronic Public Meeting in lieu of an in-person Public Meeting. Members of the public accessed the meeting by dialing this Toll Free Dial in number (United States: [1 877 568 4106](tel:18775684106) Access Code: 201-188-141**

**Questions, Comments or Concerns were emailed in advance to the Borough Clerk at [wmartin@midlandparknj.org](mailto:wmartin@midlandparknj.org) no later than June 29, 2020 4:00 pm.**

**Agenda items for the meeting were listed on the Borough website. The foregoing Electronic Public Meeting was recommended due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 Virus and directives of State and County governments.**

**The Mayor called upon Council President DeLuca to give this evening's Invocation, and then the Mayor led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mayor Shortway called the meeting to order, noting the date as June 29, 2020, and that there will be a 3-minute limit to each individual addressing the Governing Body during the Open Public portions of the meeting.**

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT:** This meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice having been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk's Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Mayor Shortway</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Kamp</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Iannone</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Kruis</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilman Sansone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Councilwoman Peet</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Council President DeLuca</b>	<b>Present</b>

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Attorney Regan, Borough Administrator Seemon and Borough Clerk Martin

**PUBLIC ROLL CALL:**

**Administrator Seemon** took a roll call of the public in attendance  
There were no members of the public on the line at this time.

**Administrator Seemon** explained the application of the **Borough of Midland Park** for the Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Development grant funding for 2020.

**THE DAIRY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**  
Block 10.02, Lot 41.02 – 50 Dairy Street, Midland Park, NJ

**Brief Description of Proposed Park Developments:**

Administrator Seemon gave a brief description of the application for the removal and replacement of aging playground equipment at our Dairy Street Playground.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Mayor Shortway** inquired if this project was going to go out for bid.

**Administrator Seemon** stated we are using a Cooperative which has a State contract and we are not required to go out for a public bid.

**Councilwoman Peet** stated she has a concern regarding the safety of the climbing playground equipment being unsupervised. Is this equipment labeled for age? Is this some sort of a climbing wall? Also, where is the \$75,000 matching grant funds coming from, do we have money put aside for this?

**Administrator Seemon** stated there is no climbing wall, this is more along the lines of monkey bars off the ground and the equipment is for ages 5-12. There is never a guarantee that injury's won't happened at any playground. The funds will come from the Open Space fund which we allocate for each year.

**Councilman Kamp** stated the cost of construction seems to be about 50% of the cost of the equipment, is this normal?

**Administrator Seemon** noted this is normal and was similar on all the quotes.

**Councilman Iannone** asked who would be choosing the colors of the equipment as there are many colors available?

**Administrator Seemon** stated at this point in time it is only the model we are concerned with; the color can be chosen later. **Administrator Seemon** also noted the Borough Engineer will be certifying the work.

**Councilman Kamp** inquired when the work would be started?

**Administrator Seemon** responded it all depends when the grant is approved, once this happens, we can move rather quickly as we are using a cooperative and this project will not have to go out for a public bid.

**Councilman Iannone** asked what the life expectancy is for this equipment?

**Administrator Seemon** stated the life expectancy is usually about 15 years, however he will check the details and get an exact number.

**Councilman Kamp** inquired how soon will we hear about the status of the grant?

**Administrator Seemon** stated it could take 6-8 months for a response.

**Councilman Kamp** noted that would be sometime late spring of next year, as this type of work would not be done in the winter.

The **Mayor** opened the meeting to the public for any questions, comments or concerns regarding Resolution #114-20 **Open Space – Dairy Street Playground Improvement**

There were no members of the public present at this time

At this time questions, concerns or comments emailed in advance to the Borough Clerk will be addressed.

There were no questions, concerns or comments emailed to the Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION:**

**1. Resolution # 114-20 – Open Space – Dairy Street Playground Improvement**

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **Borough of Midland Park** desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of **\$75,000** from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project, improvements to the **Dairy Street Playground Improvement**; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the application process, the governing body will hold a public hearing **June 29, 2020** to receive comments prior to the submission of said application(s); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above-named project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Borough of Midland Park**:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of **June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the applicant has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the applicant is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project and,
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately

**Introduced by: Council President DeLuca**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Peet**

**Roll Call:**  
**Councilman Kamp**  
**Councilman Iannone**  
**Councilman Kruis**  
**Councilman Sansone**  
**Councilwoman Peet**  
**Council President DeLuca**

**Aye**  
**Aye**  
**Absent**  
**Absent**  
**Aye**  
**Aye**

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There being no further business to address, at 7:13 P.M., on a Motion by **Council President DeLuca** Seconded by **Councilman Iannone** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk