

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432
MARCH 12, 2020**

7:00 P.M. –Work Session Minutes

Mayor Shortway called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor read the 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.

Roll Call:	Mayor Shortway	Present
	Councilman Kamp	Present
	Councilman Iannone	Present
	Councilman Kruis	Present
	Councilman Sansone	Present
	Councilwoman Peet	Present
	Council President DeLuca	Present

Also Present: Borough Attorney Regan, Borough Administrator Seemon, and Borough Clerk Martin

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Sign Ordinance** – **Administrator Seemon** updated the Governing Body relative to the process he has put in place with Zoning Official Mark Berninger. Letters will be sent to any business owner that has a sign in the public right of way stating they need to be removed according to the curt ordinance. Also included in the letter will be the Borough's intent, within 30 days, to introduce and adopt a new ordinance relative to signs.
2. **Open Space Project Ideas-** **Administrator Seemon** advised the Governing Body that he must put together a letter of intent for Open Space Projects. The Administrator suggested upgrading the playground equipment at the Dairy Street park, not the ADA equipment as that is relatively new. The older equipment there is becoming costly to replace or repair. **Councilwoman Peet** suggest a specific area near the “digger” be revamped. The **Administrator** also noted there was talk of dugout upgrades however we have more long-term goals therefore we should not be putting anything up that could potentially have to be taken down. **Councilman Sansone** also suggested building pads for the school’s old bleachers that have been given to the Borough. The **Administrator** stated he would investigate it, construction like this which is permanent does not usually get approved for Open Space. Councilman Kamp inquired if there is a maximum you can ask for? **Administrator Seemon** noted Franklin Lakes received a lot for turf fields. **Councilwoman Peet** inquired about turfing our fields, **Administrator Seemon** stated we would not get enough money. **Councilman Sansone** reiterated having a non-binding referendum Question relative to turf fields will give us a better understanding of what the community wants.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no response from the public, at 7:20 P.M., Attorney Regan read the Closed Session Resolution:

Resolution #057-20 Closed Session 3-12-20

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Midland Park has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of Midland Park will go into closed session for the following reason (s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon):
- Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;
- Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract): _____.
- Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;
- Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;
- Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;
- Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: _____ contract negotiations the nature of the contract and interested party is _____ *in circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Borough's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact*);
- Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing, 124 N. J. 478, the employee(s)

and nature of discussion is **Personnel**.

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which

the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises the Borough Council that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough, or any other entity, with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place, and hereby directs the Borough Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Introduced by: Councilman Sansone

Seconded by: Council President DeLuca

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

There being no further business to discuss, on a Motion made by **Councilman Sansone**, Seconded by **Council President DeLuca**, and carried, the **Mayor** adjourned the Work Session Meeting and Council convened into the Closed Session at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk

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