

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 13, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich and DuPont.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Municipal Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Attorney O’Hern and Engineer Ballard.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor Menna requested the minutes reflect that, in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), notice of this meeting has been provided by notifying the Asbury Park Press, the Two River Times and the Star Ledger and by placing a notice on the bulletin board and filing same with the Borough Clerk on January 1, 2014.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Monmouth Boat Club Check Presentation

Mayor Menna praised the members of the Monmouth Boat Club for voluntarily contributing to the Borough each year.

Commodore Skip Bugbee expressed his appreciation to the Borough and presented Mayor Menna with a check in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Bugbee and the members of Monmouth Boat Club for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA AND ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA ON FIRST READING

Mayor Menna opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to speak on the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Stephen Hecht asked about Resolution 14-215 and asked if the matter had been ordered by the Court or settled.

Attorney O’Hern said they had been settled. He said the settlement was then filed with the Court and the Court had to enter a judgement.

Mr. Hecht asked how many cases were represented in the resolution.

Attorney O’Hern said there were four.

Mr. Hecht asked what the total amount of the credits.

Mayor Menna said the amount in the resolution was \$35,794.78 and reviewed the details of the properties involved.

Mr. Hecht asked about the County’s pilot program and if it would include commercial properties.

Mayor Menna said it would include all properties. He also noted that a complete revaluation had been authorized and would include both commercial and residential.

RESOLUTIONS

By Consent Agenda:

- 14-215 A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credit Due to Judgments of the Tax Court of New Jersey.
- 14-216 A Resolution Releasing Performance Guarantee Regarding Duckworth, 11-13 Leonard Street, Block 75.04, Lots 31.01, 32, 33, and 34.
- 14-217 A Resolution Supporting Steps by New Jersey Officials to Protect and Support Federal Military Bases Located in the State of New Jersey.
- 14-218 A Resolution Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- 14-219 A Resolution in Support of Monmouth County Complete Streets Bike Lane Improvements through Various Monmouth County Municipalities.

- 14-220 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Execute an Amendment to the 2012-14 Agreement with Monmouth County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Program Pursuant to the Interlocal Services Act.
- 14-221 A Resolution Granting Waiver to Station Place at Red Bank, LLC for Installation of Temporary Signage at the Station Place Apartments Project Located at Monmouth and West Streets within the Borough of Red Bank.
- 14-222 A Resolution Approving the Hiring of Joanne Strollo as Full Time Violations Clerk.
- 14-223 A Resolution Approving the Appointment of Robert Kelley as Plumbing Subcode Official.
- 14-224 A Resolution Authorizing Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1340-33-015-009 (HLV, Inc. to E&S Bar, Inc.).
- 14-227 A Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses 2014-2015

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

14-226 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Commending Fire Chief Thomas J. Welsh, Police Officer Kristen Altimari and Public Works Employee Joshua Schmidt.”

Councilman Murphy noted that Officer Altimari had not yet arrived and asked that the resolution be held until later in the meeting.

Energy Aggregation Presentation

Councilman DuPont explained that JCP&L produce electricity but goes out to bid. He said recent legislation allows for Energy Aggregation which meant entities could hire a broker and a broker would go out and get a better price than they would get from JCP&L. He said JCP&L would still provide the service and billing but the power would come from a different supplier. He said it would allow the Borough and its residents to reduce electric bills.

Stacia Scaduto of Commercial Utility Consultants reviewed the Energy Aggregation program which would enable residents and commercial properties to save money on their electric bills. She reviewed the history of her company and their client list. She said Energy Aggregation was the separation of supply and delivery portion of an electric bill. She said it would provide for a small savings on electric bills.

Councilman DuPont spoke in favor of the plan and said, while it was a small savings, it would help families in the Borough.

Mayor Menna said he was familiar with the plan and asked other Council members to take a look at it. He said any questions could be directed to the Administrator.

Councilwoman Burnham asked if it would require a change in meters.

Ms. Scaduto said everything would stay the same. She said customers would receive an average savings of 5 to 14 percent.

Councilman Zipprich thanked Councilman DuPont for bringing the matter forward.

WORKSHOP

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Borough Clerk Borghi read a statement from the Emergency Management Coordinator regarding the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Bellhaven Design Presentation

Mayor Menna noted that there had been a lot of interest in the project. He said a lot of information had been circulated—some accurate, some grossly inaccurate. He said the Council had stated that before any action was taken on the Bellhaven Preserve, the public would be given an opportunity to hear the Parks and Recreation Committee’s report on Bellhaven and on their discussions with the Borough Engineer. He said the Engineer would be reporting to the Council and to the public on what the consensus was from the Council’s Parks and Recreation Committee as to what should be carved out a Bellhaven. He said the Council would not be taking formal action at this meeting. He said the report was for the Council to hear from those that prepared the report as well as comments and suggestions from members of the public. He said after the presentation, the Council would review the presentation and said there would be a subsequent forum where the result of their deliberations would be made public. He asked everyone to withhold questions and comment until after the Engineer’s presentation was complete.

Engineer Ballard offered a time line on the project which had started with a grant application to the Monmouth County Open Space program that was submitted in October of 2011 with a rough concept plan. She said the Borough had been awarded a matching grant in December of 2011 in the amount of \$239,000 for improvements at Bellhaven Park. She said the application had discussed the remediation of phragmites, a walkway, a splash pad area, benches, plantings, a swing sets and other items. She noted

that the project had been put on hold while the Borough dealt with issues from Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. She said in April of 2014, the Council authorized Engineer Ballard to formally begin design of the park. She presented a revised plan that she said was the result of much discussion with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Environmental Commission. She gave details of the plan including the water feature which was revised to include no above ground features and was smaller in size. She reviewed the two play areas that had also been reduced. She reviewed the walkway and plantings. She gave details on the phragmites remediation and the plantings that would replace them. She offered photos of similar water feature projects in other towns.

Mayor Menna asked for a cost estimate.

Engineer Ballard said the cost would be \$500,000 total and reviewed the breakdown of expenses. She said that was the amount that had been submitted on the grant application.

Mayor Menna pointed out that if the total cost was \$500,000 and the grant was for \$239, then the Borough's cost would be \$261,000.

Engineer Ballard noted that the County would not share in the permit costs.

Councilman DuPont asked if there would be access to the river.

Ms. Ballard said there would be no direct access but said it would open up the view.

Councilman DuPont asked what the original intent of the property had been.

Mayor Menna said the original intent was for the property to serve as a nature preserve.

Councilman DuPont said he had had concerns about the cost and had wanted to know if there would be any river access.

Mayor Menna said there would not be river access.

A discussion followed regarding the history of the property and if there had ever been a plan for river access.

Councilman DuPont asked about the cost to maintain.

Engineer Ballard said, based on current park maintenance contracts, it would be between \$20 and \$40 per month for lawn mowing. She said the maintenance of the splash area for the three months it was operating would be between \$100 and \$200 per month for chemicals. She said the water would be recirculating but that there would be some loss due to evaporation that would be replaced by potable water.

Councilman DuPont said the estimates he had researched for a splash pad had been a little bit higher.

Ms. Ballard said it was a very small area.

Robert Gregoria of T&M Associates offered details on the design of the splash pad and its maintenance.

Councilwoman Burnham asked if there were concerns about flooding.

Mr. Gregoria said it would be fine in water and said it was similar to an irrigation system.

Councilwoman Burnham asked for specifics on the size of the splash pad area in square.

Bob said it was an oval shape and difficult to give exact dimensions but estimated it was approximately 45 feet long by 20 feet wide.

Councilwoman Burnham noted that the Council Chamber was 46 feet by 27 feet which meant the splash pad would be the size of the room. She expressed concerns about the park being used as a skate park. She also said she had heard they would be digging out 25 feet of wetlands and refilling it with soil in order to grow grass.

Bob said the excavation would be part of the phragmite removal.

Councilwoman Burnham clarified that they would be digging out 25 inches and replacing 25 inches. She expressed concern about the phragmites coming back.

Councilman DuPont asked if the Borough would be violating any covenant with the Condo Association by not following the original design.

Mayor Menna said the Borough Attorney would have to take a look at that.

Councilwoman Burnham asked if it would cost more to comply with special needs.

Engineer Ballard said that had already been designed into the plan.

There was a discussion regarding the boardwalk/walkway and possible flooding.

Administrator Sickels asked Engineer Ballard to review her discussions with the DEP.

Engineer Ballard said there had been a pre-application meeting with the DEP and follow up discussions on numerous occasions. She said the issue of phragmites and the fact that it was wetlands had been discussed. She said the entire project had been discussed with the DEP. She gave a detailed description of the playground surface. She said two dying trees would be removed from the property and the matter would be discussed with the DEP.

Councilwoman Burnham asked if Ms. Ballard had received guidance from Tim Dillingham.

Engineer Ballard said he was not with the DEP.

Councilwoman Burnham said he was with the American Littoral Society and thought she had met with him.

Engineer Ballard said she had met with him a week or two ago and said she had just received a letter from him that day with comments.

Administrator Sickels said he had distributed a copy of the email received from Mr. Dillingham to the Council. He said he had been helpful with issues that would need to be addressed going forward with the permitting application to the DEP.

Councilman Murphy asked if the DEP was in favor of the project and if they had given and approval or just an opinion.

Engineer Ballard said the Borough had approval for certain items but did not have formal approval for the plan. She said that would be the next step. She said this was the plan that they intended to submit to the DEP for permitting for construction.

Councilman Murphy clarified that the park would fall outside of the wetlands area and reviewed the dimensions of the splash pad.

Councilwoman Lewis asked Engineer Ballard to review how the park would tie into the Waterfront Access Plan.

Ms. Ballard said the Waterfront Access Plan had been done in 2006 and talked about opening up more public spaces to the water. She said this site proposed both passive and active recreation.

Councilman DuPont asked if there would be playground equipment.

Engineer Ballard said there would be equipment and said it would be separated into two areas by age – 2 to 5 year olds and 5 to 12 year olds. She reviewed specifics of each area.

Councilwoman Burnham asked if thought had been given to installing equipment more creative than something out of a catalog and that would blend with the area.

Engineer Ballard said it had been discussed at length. She said they had discussed long term maintenance and said there were concerns about wood equipment that would splinter. She said the equipment suggested was low maintenance with a long lifespan. She said they had chosen a color scheme that was more natural.

Councilman Murphy asked if it was the case that playgrounds made from treated lumber had been being taken down over the past few years.

Administrator Sickels said that was correct.

There was a discussion of Borough playgrounds and materials.

Councilman DuPont said he was happy to see that the Environmental Commission participated in the discussions. He suggested enhancing educational components including a telescope.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the pathway would tie into the Riverwalk plan.

Engineer Ballard said that it did. She said it would be the first piece on the west side of the Borough.

Councilman Zipprich asked Mr. Gregoria how much time had been spent conferring with the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Gregoria said they had sat in on four meetings with the Environmental Commission and had also met with a representative from the American Littoral Society.

Mayor Menna opened comments to the public.

Stephen Mitchell—104 Prospect Avenue—asked if the cost of \$100 to \$200 quoted for maintenance on the spray park included the cost of labor to have someone go there and check the chemicals. He also asked if there were any other maintenance costs for the park regarding mulch, etc.

Engineer Ballard noted that she had also estimated a cost for mowing along the border which she estimated at \$40 per month. She said that estimate was on the high side.

Mr. Mitchell asked if the play equipment and spray ground would be affected by salt water.

Engineer Ballard said it would not.

Mr. Mitchell asked for a net maintenance cost.

Ms. Ballard estimated an additional \$20 over the current landscape concept and said the spray park maintenance would only be for three months.

Mr. Mitchell asked if the \$500,000 would include all of the design fees from T&M.

Ms. Ballard said it did not. She said the \$500,000 would include the construction costs and the permitting fees.

Mr. Mitchell asked how much the engineering costs had been to date.

Engineer Ballard estimated approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Mitchell asked how much they planned on charging the Borough in the future.

Ms. Ballard she thought the authorization had been set at approximately \$50,000 for the design and estimated there could be another \$50,000 for design and construction.

Elijah Nishiura-42 McLaren Street and Rose Sestito-190 River Street. Ms. Sestito said she wanted to thank Councilwoman Juanita Lewis and Parks and Recreation Committee member Mike Ballard for the generous donations they had made to Riverside Concession this year. She said the profits from the sales went directly to Parks and Recreation and could be used to benefit the whole community. She also said that she and Elijah and a group of young people had gone door to door to get signatures on a petition in favor of building the water park. Mr. Nishiura and Ms. Sestito read the petition statement. She noted there were over 300 signatures in favor of the park.

Lee Cramer—95 Locust Avenue—Spoke again the improvements and expressed concerns about parking and litter.

Henry Tindall—64 Locust Avenue—thanked Engineer Ballard for her presentation and asked if there would be handicapped access.

Ms. Ballard said there would be.

Mr. Tindall asked if it would be closed and gated.

Ms. Ballard said it would be open from dawn to dusk. She said there had been no discussion to lock it.

Mr. Tindall asked what would happen with the park after hours.

Mr. Sickels said the Borough could gate it.

Mr. Tindall asked where people who came to the park would park.

Engineer Ballard said it was intended to be a neighborhood park for people that would mostly walk. She said that matter had been discussed at length with the Parks and Recreation Committee. She said they had come across a document showing complaints that had been brought forward when they were building Eastside Park about the effect on the neighborhood and parking. She said the fear had been bigger than the reality.

Mr. Sickels agreed noting that team sports were played there regularly.

Ms. Ballard stressed that it was a very small park and said she felt people would be more likely to be attracted to Dorbrook Park.

Mr. Tindall expressed concern about the river and the current problems in the area.

Councilman Murphy and Engineer Ballard noted that Marine Park was also open to the river.

Mr. Tindall noted that this was on a dead end street and was concerned that it would not be monitored.

Freddie Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—said he was not for or against the park but noted that it would be dangerous next to the river. He talked about his experience in the soft mud at the river. He thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the block party. He expressed concerns about the petition and noted that there had been people from out of town who had attended the block party and had signed the petition. He said he felt they should not have been allowed to sign and suggested an investigation should be done by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office.

Mayor Menna said the petition would be reviewed but said he put more value on the people that made a point to offer comments and have a discussion with the elected officials.

Mr. Boynton took issue with the fact that Councilman Zipprich had been soliciting signatures without the permission of the Block Party organizers.

Tamara Cramer—95 Locust Avenue—said she was a resident and taxpayer and had concerns about the expense of the park. She felt the property should be maintained as a preserve. She also had concerns about traffic. She said she did not believe the design would alleviate the current problems.

John Uras—38 Washington Street—asked the Council to reconsider due to the expense and suggested the funds be used elsewhere.

Kathleen Gasienica—110 Locust Avenue—commended the Council for trying to find a play space for the children of the westside. She expressed concern about the expense and listed the pros and cons of creating the park. She offered extensive testimony in opposition to the park and expressed concern about the loss of trees.

Councilman Zipprich asked her several questions about remediation at the property.

She discussed the fact that it was wetlands and shared concerns about erosion issues. She said it was important to consult experts during remediation. She offered photos of the property. She expressed concern about the loss of trees and the number of bird species in the area.

Mayor Menna asked Ms. Gasienica if she had a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement.

She said she did not.

He suggested she check with Planning and Zoning.

She continued her discussion in opposition to the park including issues with the design and materials.

Councilman Zipprich asked her opinion about installing a living shore line at the sight.

She said she was not an expert and suggested the questions should be referred to a professional. She continued her discussion in opposition to the park and offered comments on flooding issues. She reviewed issues with the current property and said she did not believe the design would alleviate the current problems. She said discussed issues she said she had heard were problems for Dorbrook Park. She asked if the town had enough information to submit for the DEP permits.

Mayor Menna said they did but they weren't there yet.

Ms. Gasienica said she was concerned they would start the permit process with a flawed plan. She said she was in favor of a park for children and offered alternate ideas.

Rebecca Goodhue—66 South Street—said she was concerned with the expense. She noted that taxes were up and the Borough should be looking for ways to cut.

Louis DiMento—9 Alston Court—asked about the phragmites removal.

Engineer Ballard said they would be removing all of the phragmites within the Borough's property boundary and planting spartina and a wild flower mix. She said there would also be a small area of grass.

Mr. DiMento asked how they would control the phragmites from returning and asked if that was included in the maintenance estimate.

Ms. Ballard said it was and explained the plan to prevent the invasives from returning.

Mr. DiMento expressed concern about maintenance and said he believed costs would be in excess of the estimate. He asked what would prevent kids from entering the mud flats.

Engineer Ballard said it was a similar situation to Maple Cove.

He said the Environmental Commission had envisioned children there and a possible small playground. He said he was concerned about the water feature and its size, the maintenance costs, the tree removal.

Mayor Menna asked Ms. Gasienica to leave her exhibits so copies could be made.

Stephen Hecht—Branch Avenue—asked how long the Borough had to use the grant and when a decision had to be made.

Engineer Ballard said she believed the decision was made when the Council had authorized the design and said the Council would still have to authorize her to go out to bid. She said, in regard to the grant, the project would have to be complete by May of 2015.

Mr. Hecht asked, if there was no water feature, would the Borough still have the grant.

Mayor Menna said there would be a grant but there would be financial modification.

Engineer Ballard agreed.

Councilwoman Burnham said the grants were available every year and the Borough could re-apply.

Celestine Woods—65 Leighton Avenue—asked about the fact that Engineer Ballard had said the original estimate was \$500,000 and then had said it had been scale back but didn't say where the additional money had gone.

Engineer Ballard said there had been additional remediation costs to dispose of contaminated soil and said that had been a substantial expense.

Administrator Mr. Sickels said there had also been comments about putting a wooden boardwalk in which had added about \$120,000 to the cost. He said that was subsequently cut back.

Leo Gasienica—110 Locust Avenue—said he had been asked to read a letter from the Bellhaven Condominium Association.

Mayor Menna confirmed that the Council had received the letter.

Melissa Zimmerman—209 William Street—asked for clarification on the time line on implementation.

Mayor Menna said a lot of information had been received tonight and before tonight. He said the Council would consider the information and discuss amongst themselves. He felt all were in favor of doing something at the site but it would have to be discussed. He said a decision would not be made tonight.

Ms. Zimmerman asked if another location had been considered for the spray park.

Mayor Menna said there had not.

Councilwoman Burnham noted that she had suggested the park on the corner of Shrewsbury Avenue and Drs. Parker Boulevard.

Mayor Menna said that was completely out of the question. He said there would be no Council support for that. He said it was a very small piece of property that was heavily used by seniors and other residents in the neighborhood. He also noted that it was on the intersection of one of the heaviest traffic counts in the Borough.

Councilwoman Burnham reviewed her thoughts on use of that property including the visibility.

Councilman DuPont said he appreciated the suggestions that had been made. He said he also had some serious doubts about the water feature. He said he believed they all agreed that a park was needed and said he like the educational features. He asked if there was an alternate design without the water feature. He commended the Parks and Recreation Committee for their efforts to develop a park and to think outside the box.

Ms. Zimmerman expressed her concern about the safety of children and increased taxes. She suggested scaling it down.

Councilwoman Lewis said she appreciated the comments and passion and noted there was a group of people who had gone on the record in favor of the project by signing the petition.

Amy Goldsmith—16 Locust Avenue—noted she was part of the Westside Community Group and said she had been involved in the discussions regarding the property and what should be done there. She said she believed it should remain in the public domain. She expressed concerns about flooding and safety issues in the area. She said she was in favor of recreation space on the west side but was not sure if this design was the right idea.

Kara Forrest—16 Locust Avenue—said she was concerned that it would be an attraction and that older kids would be hanging out.

Elijah Nishiura—said he had taken the petition to the residents of the complex at 50 Locust Avenue and said there were a lot of children there in need of a park.

Rose Sestito—190 River Street—reminded Council members that similar flooding concerns had been brought up when the Primary School was built and said there had never been a problem before Hurricane Sandy. She noted that there had been concerns from residents about Eastside Park. She stressed the need for a park for the children of the west side of the Borough.

Mike Cosgrove—Wallace Street—questioned what he called a heavy footprint on the wetlands. He asked if there was an alternate plan without such a heavy footprint.

Mayor Menna said there were and the committee would consider them.

Ron Dee—122 Locust Avenue—asked if the engineering firm had done other plans in similar locations. He called the plan inexperienced.

Robert Gregoria said they had and he named several other locations.

Mr. Dee said the cost was not transparent.

Engineer Ballard offered to read an itemized list of expenses.

Mr. Dee noted that the \$100,000 in engineering fees she had mentioned earlier would bring the total to \$600,000. He also criticized the fact that there was no restroom planned.

Administrator Sickels said the plan was that it was a neighborhood park and it was assumed that people would go home to use the bathroom.

Mayor Menna confirmed that no bathroom was planned for the project.

Mr. Dee agreed that the children in the apartment complex at 50 Locust Avenue needed a park but said he could not see them going home to use a bathroom. He also noted there was a large deer population in the area and suggested they would eat the new plantings. He said he did not feel it was well thought out and again criticized the cost.

Jennifer Barrows—61 Oakland Street—said she was skeptical of the maintenance costs quoted and said she thought it was inappropriate to not have a restroom in the park of this scale. She also suggested making the Shrewsbury Avenue park more acceptable to children and making it a higher visibility crossing.

Mayor Menna said it had been a constant goal of the Council to get the County to revisit the Shrewsbury Avenue corridor because it was a County road. He said they were in negotiations with the County Engineering Department and were awaiting the finished product on the bridge so they could take a look at traffic calming on Shrewsbury Avenue. He said the Borough was not ignoring the problem but noted that they did not have jurisdiction over Shrewsbury Avenue so had no legal authority over it.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the splash pad was actually the size of the Council room as had been noted earlier.

Engineer Ballard said it was similar but was a different shape.

Laura Dardi said it was a major consideration since there was a lot of disagreement over the splash pad. She noted by not including it the Borough could save approximately \$200,000. She suggested they should keep the play area and educational features.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that the splash pad cost was only \$85,000 and said Ms. Dardi had been looking at an older calculation.

Ms. Dardi said the remediation costs had increased from the original estimate.

Memone Crystian—stated she was the Director of Parks and Recreation and said everyone had heard a lot of statistics but said she was to remind everyone that the project was for all the children. She while it was primarily for those on the west side of the Borough, it was for all of the children of Red Bank. She

noted that the Red Bank Borough Schools had approximately 85 to 90 percent of the children eligible for free or reduced lunch which meant, according to Federal standards, they were living in poverty. She said the majority of those children lived on the west side. She spoke about privilege and said many of those families did not have the same privileges. She said many families may not attend a Council meeting to say how they felt out of fear of being deported. She said other children may not be heard because their mothers were drug addicts or because they were being raised by someone sick or elderly. She said many of the people at this meeting had the privilege of being able to drive their children to Dorbrook Park or travel to another town to play sports. She said there were a lot of families on the west side that felt they wanted and need the park but they wouldn't be seen at the Council meeting because they did not feel it was their place. She said the Borough's elected and appointed officials represented them and the entire community. She asked the Council to think of those who could not attend when they made their decision.

Tamara Cramer—Locust Avenue—said she wanted to speak to the children's needs. She said there was a huge difference between what one needed and what one wanted. She spoke of sustainability, meeting neighborhood demands and cost.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to close the public comment and resume the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Councilman Zipprich thanked everyone for coming out. He said it was the intent of the Parks and Recreation Committee to have an open public forum. He asked his colleagues on the Council to give the matter serious consideration adding that he felt it was important to spend tax dollars wisely and invest in the people of the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 25, 2014

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 30, 2014

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

None.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Menna said reports of Mayor and Council would be held until the end of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from HABcore to hang a banner on Broad Street from November 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014 to promote their work as a non-profit organization to house the homeless in Monmouth County over the last 25 years.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Mayor Menna read the following requests which were approved by the Special Events Committee on August 4, 2014.

1. Benefit concert and private dinner party on the Count Basie Theatre patio, 9/6.
2. Block Parties:
 - a. Madison Avenue, 9/13

- b. Elm Place, 9/20
- c. South Street, 9/20, rain date 9/21
- 3. Count Basie 365 Cultural Series, 8/22, 9/5, 9/12 & 9/19. Close Dr. Parker Blvd. between Shrewsbury and Leighton.
- 4. Annual Red Bank Triathlon-Marine Park, 5/17/15 (set up date 5/16/15).

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Councilman DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

ORDINANCES – First Reading

None.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Menna noted that there had been an incident on August 9, 2014 where several Borough employees had been able to assist some stranded young people. He said their efforts were an example of extra ordinary heroism.

14-226 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Commending Fire Chief Thomas J. Welsh, Police Officer Kristen Altimari and Public Works Employee Joshua Schmidt.”

Police Chief McConnell said he wanted to note that Officer Altimari had just been appointed in April and commended her quick thinking and decisiveness. He said while it was technically a lifesaving effort, he praised her ability to stay calm. He said it also showed the cooperation that existed between the Police and Fire Departments since Officer Altimari was not familiar with the river but had been in contact with the Fire Chief who had been able to guide her by cell phone.

Fire Chief Welsh said he wanted to echo Chief McConnell’s comments and said the Fire and Police department did enjoy a good relationship. He said, while at first he didn’t think their efforts in the situation were that big of deal, he realized when someone’s children were at risk, it was important to their families.

Councilman Murphy noted that Joshua Schmidt was a Public Works employee and also a fireman. He said he had spoken with Police Chief McConnell and Fire Chief Welsh and they had wanted to express that this was what they did every day of the week and both had noted that it was the personnel behind them that were to be commended. He commended each of the individuals being honored.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Councilwoman Lewis offered a motion to take a short break, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Mayor Menna called the meeting back to order at 9:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich and DuPont.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Municipal Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Attorney O’Hern and Engineer Ballard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14-228 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations, seconded by Councilman DuPont. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to close executive session, seconded by Councilman DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich and DuPont.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Municipal Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Attorney O'Hern and Engineer Ballard.

RESOLUTIONS

14-225 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Collective Negotiation Agreement between the Borough of Red Bank and PBA Local #39 for the Year 2014 through 2017."

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to table the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

14-229 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$1,688,701.56"

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

No audience comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman DuPont offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Murphy to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi