

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE “BEECH ROOM” OF THE THOMPSON PARK VISITOR CENTER, 1ST FLOOR, 805 NEWMAN SPRINGS ROAD, LINCROFT, NJ.

The meeting was called to order by Andrew J. Spears, Director at 7:00 PM.

The following were Present on roll call: Chairman Kevin Mandeville
Vice Chairman Anthony Fiore
Commissioners:
Michael G. Harmon
Thomas E. Hennessy, Jr.
Thomas W. Adcock
Lori Ann Davidson
Brian Foster

Ross F. Licitra, Deputy Director/MCPS Liaison

Also, Present on roll call via teleconference: Commissioner Patricia M. Butch

The following were Absent on roll call: Commissioner David W. Horsnall (Excused)

The following were present on roll call: Special County Counsel Jason Sena
Andrew J. Spears, Director
Michael E. Janoski, Deputy Director
Beau Byrtus, Deputy Director
Matthew Coleman, Supt. of Co. Parks/Park Operations
Kevin Dunn, Land & Planning
Patti Conroy, Superintendent of Recreation
Karen Livingstone, Public Information/Volunteers
Anna Luiten, Design & Resource Management
Paul Gleitz, Principal Planner Parks
Jeremy Schaefer, General Mgr., Golf Courses
Robert Curcio
Christopher Brawley
Tracy Shiffman

Chairman Mandeville read the following Statement of Adequate Public Notice:

“Statement of Adequate Public Notice of Meeting in compliance with the ‘Open Public Meetings Act’, Laws of the State of NJ, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of meeting has been posted, and The Star Ledger and other newspapers circulated in Monmouth County, and the County Clerk have been noticed, including date, time and place, as adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at their regular meeting of November 21, 2022, as required by law.” “Both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place, and manner in which such notice was provided.”

Chairman Mandeville led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for the observance of a moment of silence.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Hennessy, the **MINUTES** of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners held on **MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**, were upon being put to a vote, approved as recorded by Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, and Hennessy. Commissioners Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster abstained as not being present at the meeting.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Hennessy, the **MINUTES** of the **EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING** of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners held on **MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**, for the purpose of discussing **LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS**, were upon being put to a vote, approved as recorded by Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, and Hennessy. Commissioners Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster abstained as not being present at the meeting.

The Director indicated that the Minutes of the Executive Session would be made available to the public in ninety (90) days, or upon completion of land acquisition matters.

On a motion made by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, the **2023 VOUCHER LIST**, as distributed to the Board for approval, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously approved as recorded.

On a motion made by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, the **2024 VOUCHER LIST**, as distributed to the Board for approval, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously approved as recorded.

Andrew J. Spears, Director indicated to the Board that there was no **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** for the Board.

On a motion made by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Adcock, the meeting was **OPENED** to the **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** at 7:04 PM. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

There being no one present to be heard, it was moved by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, that the portion of the meeting **OPEN** to the **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** be **CLOSED**, at 7:05 PM.

PRESENTATIONS:

Park System Trail Specialist Chris Brawley reviewed recent accomplishments of the volunteer trails team. He said that in the last three years, the program has grown by 70% and currently volunteers contribute over 2,000 hours annually to the initiative. He described the variety of work that the volunteers complete, which has included the construction of new trails at Freneau Woods Park, Manasquan River Greenway, Hartshorne Woods Park, Perrineville Lake Park, among others.

Chairman Mandeville thanked Mr. Brawley for his leadership and hard work on the County Parks' popular trail network.

Park System Environmental Specialist R. J. Curcio reviewed with the Board details on the recent emergence of the Beech Leaf Disease that is critically impacting forests in the County. He said that beech stands in Big Brook, Clayton and Holmdel Parks are at particular risk. Mr. Curcio reviewed various mitigation and treatment options that are being pursued. He also described the recent efforts to provide for the regeneration of other native hardwood species. He said that volunteers from the U.S. Navy and the Prudential Center, with partial funding from Manasquan Savings Bank, recently planted 210 young trees in Holmdel Park in an area that is being impacted by the Beech Leaf disease.

Chairman Mandeville thanked Mr. Curcio for his expertise and commitment to maintaining healthy, native landscapes in the parks.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Vice Chairman Fiore recommended that Item #3, extending the contract for one year for Anthony's Affordable Tree Service, be removed from the Resolution of Consent and be included on the next agenda so that more information can be provided to the Board. Mr. Fiore said that he is not in favor of contracts being rolled over for a third year, since the practice may not always provide the best available prices. He asked staff to provide additional information on pricing from other tree service providers so that the Board can decide whether the 2025 services should be re-bid.

1. Board Action Item #1 – Recommend Authorizing the Purchase of Paving – JOC – Regions 1, 2, & 3, from Garden State Sealing, Tinton Falls, NJ, Item: Hartshorne Road New Entrance Installation at Brushwood Point, Hartshorne Woods Park; as available under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) #65MCESCCPS Cooperative Pricing System Agreement, Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-06, for the Period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/25, in the Total Contract Amount of \$60,355.72.
2. Board Action Item #2 – Recommend awarding contract to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to Omega Turf Solutions, LLC, Ewing, NJ, for Furnishing and Delivery of Turfgrass Aeration Core Sweeper Collector (Bid #0066-24), Item: Total Lump Sum Bid; in the Total Contract Amount of \$42,500.00.
3. Board Action Item #3 – Recommend Authorizing the Exercising of Option to Extend Contract as per bid proposal, for an Additional One (1) Year Period (2025), as originally awarded by Resolution #R-23-3-6=103 (2023), and Extended by Resolution #R-23-10-23=407 (2024), reserving the option to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year period (2025), to Anthony's Affordable Tree Care, LLC, Washington, NJ, for Furnishing and Delivery of Tree Trimming Services (Bid #0037-23), Item: 2025 Service Contract for the Period of 01/01/25 through 12/31/25, under the same terms and conditions as per bid specification; in the Estimated Total Contract Amount of \$133,200.00.

4. Board Action Item #4 – Recommending to the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners the Acceptance of the Charitable Donation by Owner of Thirteen Percent (13%) of the Average of the Appraised Values of the Property, located in the Township of Upper Freehold, being more particularly described as Block 27.01, Lots 1Q-19Q, Block 27.02, Lots 1Q-9Q, Block 27.03, Lots 1Q-24Q, Block 27.04, Lots 2Q-14Q, 15, 15Q-33Q, 35Q-45Q, and more commonly known as the Taft Property, an improved parcel, containing ±285.17 Acres, as Additions to Crosswicks Creek Park or \$2,829,111.00.

5. Board Action Item #5 as Added to the Agenda – Recommending to the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners the Entering into a Cooperative Project Agreement between the County of Monmouth and the Township of Aberdeen for Preservation of the Samaha Farm for Open Space and Farmland Preservation Purposes.

6. Board Action Item #6 as Added to the Agenda – Rejecting all proposals received on August 28, 2024, for Providing Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for the Renovation of Bldg. #2028 and Bldg. #2026 at Dorbrook Recreation Area, Colts Neck, NJ (PS #44-24), as a significant change in the specifications is needed, and further Authorizing the Director re-solicit proposals for same.

At 7:35 PM, the following **RESOLUTION OF CONSENT** was offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster, to approve Agenda Items #1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners has received the Tentative Agenda for the Board’s Regular Meeting of October 7, 2024, in advance of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had an opportunity to review and consider Agenda Items #1 through #4 for Board Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board also reviewed Agenda Items #5 and 6, as added to the Agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Board is satisfied that the above items as presented to the Board are in order and complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners does hereby approve by consent, Agenda Items #1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the Affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the Negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

ITEMS ACTED ON BY THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS:

- R-24-10-7=376 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, AUTHORIZING the PURCHASE OF PAVING – JOC – REGIONS 1, 2, & 3, from GARDEN STATE SEALING, Tinton Falls, NJ, ITEM: Hartshorne Road New Entrance Installation at Brushwood Point, Hartshorne Woods Park; as available under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) #65MCESCCPS Cooperative Pricing System Agreement, Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-06, for the Period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/25, in the Total Contract Amount of \$60,355.72. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-24-10-7=377 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to OMEGA TURF SOLUTIONS, LLC, Ewing, NJ, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF TURFGRASS AERATION CORE SWEEPER COLLECTOR (Bid #0066-24), ITEM: Total Lump Sum Bid; in the Total Contract Amount of \$42,500.00. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-24-10-7=378 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, RECOMMENDING to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS the ACCEPTANCE of the CHARITABLE DONATION by the OWNER of THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%) of the AVERAGE OF THE APPRAISED VALUES OF THE PROPERTY, located in the TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD, being more particularly described as BLOCK 27.01, LOTS 1Q-19Q, BLOCK 27.02, LOTS 1Q-9Q, BLOCK 27.03, LOTS 1Q-24Q, BLOCK 27.04, LOTS 2Q-14Q, 15, 15Q-33Q, 35Q-45Q, and more commonly known as the TAFT PROPERTY, an improved parcel, containing ±285.17 ACRES, as ADDITIONS TO CROSSWICKS CREEK PARK OR \$2,829,111.00. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-24-10-7=379 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, RECOMMENDING to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS the ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT between the COUNTY OF MONMOUTH and the TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN for PRESERVATION OF the SAMAHA FARM for OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PURPOSES. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)

R-24-10-7=380 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, **REJECTING ALL** proposals received on August 28, 2024, for **PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF BLDG. #2028 AND BLDG. #2026 AT DORBROOK RECREATION AREA, COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY (PS #44-24)**, as a significant change in the specifications is needed, and further **AUTHORIZING the DIRECTOR to RE-SOLICIT** proposals for same. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, the Board **AUTHORIZED the DIRECTOR to ADVERTISE** for the following **BIDS**:

1. 2025 Furnishing and Installing Plant Materials at Various Parks
2. Electrical Service Upgrades at East Freehold Showgrounds

Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Foster, the Board **AUTHORIZED the DIRECTOR to SOLICIT PROPOSALS** for the following **PROFESSIONAL/SPECIALIZED SERVICES**:

1. 2025 Arboriculture Services, Various Monmouth County Parks (Ref. #24-59) (*FAIR & OPEN— UNDER \$17,500.00*)

Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

Robert Curcio, Christopher Brawley, and Tracy Shiffman left the meeting.

R-24-10-7=381 At 7:47 PM, a motion for a resolution was made by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Adcock, to move into Executive Session for the following: (Resolution in Minute Book)

- Discussion – Ocean Grove Conservation Easements
- Additions to Shark River Park
- Environmental Services, Additions to Shark River Park
- Survey Services, Additions to Shark River Park

In the Affirmative: Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore,
Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch,
Adcock, Davidson, and Foster

In the Negative: None

Absent: Commissioner Horsnall

On a motion made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

At 8:16 PM, on a motion made by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Adcock, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene the public portion of the meeting.

R-24-10-7=382 Resolution offered for adoption by Vice Chairman Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Adcock, RECOMMENDING to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS the ACQUISITION OF THE FIRST SOUTHEAST, INC., PROPERTY, also known as BLOCK 907, LOT 16, WALL TOWNSHIP, an improved parcel, containing ± 1.66 ACRES, as ADDITIONS TO SHARK RIVER PARK for county open space preservation, natural resources conservation and public park and recreation purposes, through negotiations or other legal means, subject to environmental review and clear title, and taxes and other closing costs, in the AMOUNT of \$450,000.00. (Funds provided by the Monmouth County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Account #T-12-56-850-115-667, Sub-Account #00026.) (Resolution in Minute Book)

In the Affirmative: Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore,
Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch,
Adcock, Davidson, and Foster

In the Negative: None

Absent: Commissioner Horsnall

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Adcock, the Board **AUTHORIZED** the **DIRECTOR** to **SOLICIT PROPOSALS** for the following **PROFESSIONAL/SPECIALIZED SERVICES**:

1. Environmental Services, Block 907, Lot 16, Wall Township, ± 1.66 Acres, Improved Property, Owned by First Southeast Inc., for Additions to Shark River Park (Ref. #24-60) (*FAIR & OPEN—UNDER \$17,500.00*)
2. Survey Services, Block 907, Lot 16, Wall Township, ± 1.66 Acres, Improved Property, Owned by First Southeast Inc., for Additions to Shark River Park (Ref. #24-61) (*FAIR & OPEN—UNDER \$17,500.00*)

Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

By a motion offered by Commissioner Fiore, seconded by Commissioner Adcock, the Board authorized staff to continue their efforts to secure conservation easements on various Neptune Township properties as discussed in Executive Session. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

Andrew J. Spears, Director, reviewed the following **DATES TO REMEMBER** with the Board:

1. **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024 – 9:00 AM.** Neptune City Waterfront Park photo op with County Commissioners, 35 Riverview Avenue, Neptune City, NJ.
2. **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 – 1:00 PM.** Award of Municipal Open Space Grants. County Commissioner Regular Meeting.
3. **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024 – 3:00 PM.** Ribbon Cutting Weltz Conservation Area Off-Leash Dog Area (with County Commissioners and Ocean Township Officials), 615 West Park Ave., Ocean, NJ.
4. **MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 2024 – 7:00 PM.** Regular Board Meeting. Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
5. **MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 – 7:00 PM.** Regular Board Meeting. Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
6. **MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM.** Regular Board Meeting. Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
7. **MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 2, 2024 – 7:00 PM.** Regular Board Meeting. Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
8. **MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16, 2024 – 7:00 PM.** Regular Board Meeting. Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Chairman Mandeville welcomed back Commissioner Pat Butch and said it was good that she was able to join the meeting.

Commissioner Butch said that she was happy to be back.

Vice Chairman Fiore said that he received positive feedback on the earlier changes to the tee-time reservation system that allows residents to make 30-day advanced reservations. He also said that he received very favorable feedback on the playing conditions at Howell Park Golf Course.

Commissioner Mike Harmon asked staff to expand the planting efforts at Swimming River Park so that the site will not appear so barren. He also recapped his recent visit, with park staff, to the Campo sand mine in Millstone Township. He said that the site should be preserved and that it would make a great park to interpret the geological features while also providing for active recreation, such as biking.

Commissioner Tom Adcock said that he was looking forward to seeing some of the Commissioners at the dedication ceremony of the new waterfront park in Neptune City on October 9.

Commissioner Lori Ann Davidson also welcomed back Commissioner Butch.

Commissioner Brian Foster thanked the presenters who had earlier provided timely information on the trails program and the Beech Leaf Disease.

The Director indicated that there were no additional items to be brought before the Board.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, and by unanimous vote, the regular meeting of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners held on Monday Evening, October 7, 2024, was **ADJOURNED** at 8:36 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Spears", written in a cursive style.

ANDREW J. SPEARS,
Director

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster:

RESOLUTION

R-24-10-7=376

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners has entered into a Cooperative Pricing System Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) #65MCESCCPS, for the Purchase of Goods and/or Services, for a period not to exceed May 21, 2027, by Board Resolution No. R-22-8-8=246; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners deems it necessary and advisable to Authorize the PURCHASE of PAVING – JOC – REGIONS 1, 2, & 3; and

WHEREAS, said PAVING – JOC – REGIONS 1, 2, & 3, from GARDEN STATE SEALING, Tinton Falls, NJ, ITEM: Hartshorne Road New Entrance Installation at Brushwood Point, Hartshorne Woods Park; as available under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) #65MCESCCPS Cooperative Pricing System Agreement, Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-06, for the Period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/25, in the Total Contract Amount of \$60,355.72.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners that the Director is hereby Authorized to execute the necessary contracts and agreements required for the PURCHASE of PAVING – JOC – REGIONS 1, 2, & 3, from GARDEN STATE SEALING, 300 Commerce Drive, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753, ITEM: Hartshorne Road New Entrance Installation at Brushwood Point, Hartshorne Woods Park; as available under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) #65MCESCCPS Cooperative Pricing System Agreement, Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-06, for the Period of 7/1/23 through 6/30/25, in the Total Contract Amount of \$60,355.72; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, as to availability of funds, has been filed with the Director, a copy of which is on file in the Purchasing Department, setting forth that the funds are available in Capital Cash Account #20023, Board of Recreation Commissioners (2024), Project #23002; in the Amount of \$60,355.72.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024.



ANDREW J. SPEARS, Director

R-24-10-7=376

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster:

RESOLUTION

R-24-10-7=377

WHEREAS, bids were advertised for and received by the Purchasing Agent of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners on September 13, 2024, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF TURFGRASS AERATION CORE SWEEPER COLLECTOR (Bid #0066-24), which bids were referred to the Director for tabulation, examination, report, and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the bid was considered on an individual item basis and the report of the officials above mentioned, shows that one (1) bid was received, and the following was the lowest responsible bid received in the Total Contract Amount of \$42,500.00:

OMEGA TURF SOLUTIONS, LLC
1688 5th Street
Ewing, NJ 08638
ITEM: Total Lump Sum Bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners, that the said report as to the said bids be, and the same is hereby accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be, and the same is hereby awarded according to the tabulation set forth to the bidder and for the total bid as shown by the said tabulation above set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Director are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, as to availability of funds, has been filed with the Director, a copy of which is on file in the Purchasing Department setting forth that the funds are available in Capital Cash Account #24001, Board of Recreation Commissioners, Project #80502, in the amount of \$42,500.00.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024.



ANDREW J. SPEARS, Director

R-24-10-7=377

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster:

RESOLUTION

R-24-10-7=378

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners has deemed it necessary and advisable to acquire and preserve certain lands for County Open Space Conservation and Park Purposes, located in the TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD, being more particularly described as BLOCK 27.01, LOTS 1Q-19Q, BLOCK 27.02, LOTS 1Q-9Q, BLOCK 27.03, LOTS 1Q-24Q, BLOCK 27.04, LOTS 2Q-14Q, 15, 15Q-33Q, 35Q-45Q, and more commonly known as the TAFT PROPERTY, an improved parcel, containing ±285.17 ACRES, as ADDITIONS TO CROSSWICKS CREEK PARK, and

WHEREAS, a generous offer to DONATE A PORTION OF THE VALUE of said lands and property has been made by the OWNER, to the COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, for county open space conservation and park purposes; and

WHEREAS, these lands and property will be a valuable addition to Crosswicks Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, a formal offer of purchase contingent upon satisfactory title and environmental review of said lands and property in the amount of \$19,000,000.00; subject to adjustments for acreage, taxes and other closing costs has been accepted; and

WHEREAS, the OWNER has agreed to DONATE THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%) of the AVERAGE OF THE APPRAISED VALUES OF THE PROPERTY OR \$2,829,111.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for the acquisition of the above named parcel has been provided by the Monmouth County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Account #T-12-56-850-115-667, Sub-Account #00013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS does hereby RECOMMEND to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS the ACCEPTANCE of the CHARITABLE DONATION by the OWNER of THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%) of the AVERAGE OF THE APPRAISED VALUES OF THE PROPERTY OR \$2,829,111.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board and the Director are hereby authorized to take any and all action as may be required to accept said donation for the benefit of the citizens of Monmouth County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and County Counsel.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024.



ANDREW J. SPEARS, Director

R-24-10-7=378

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster:

RESOLUTION

R-24-10-7=379

WHEREAS, the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS deems it necessary and advisable to acquire and preserve certain lands for OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES; and

WHEREAS, the County Of Monmouth (“the County”) recently initiated a program (“MUNICIPAL LAND PRESERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM” or “PROGRAM”) to expand park, historic preservation, and open space opportunities for Monmouth County residents by providing funding to assist municipalities with park and open space acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the County Program requires the entering into a Cooperative Project Agreement memorializing the terms and conditions of the County’s participation in a municipal acquisition project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen (“Aberdeen”) and the County are public bodies corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey and are authorized under New Jersey law to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County, through its dedicated Open Space Trust Fund has the ability and desires to incentivize the funding of municipal land acquisition for the purposes of open space preservation; and

WHEREAS, the County and Aberdeen and the Monmouth Conservation Foundation have negotiated a Cooperative Project Agreement, in a form substantially similar to that which is annexed hereto as EXHIBIT A, and the terms of which are incorporated into this resolution as if set forth at length herein; and

WHEREAS, the Samaha Farm project is an opportunity for Aberdeen to preserve one of the few remaining farms in the Township that includes a local farmstand valued by the community; and

WHEREAS, the entering into a Cooperative Project Agreement would provide the framework for the preservation of the property through a conservation and farmland preservation easement; and

WHEREAS, Aberdeen will adopt a resolution indicating its request to enter into a Cooperative Project Agreement with the County to effect the preservation of the Samaha Farm through a conservation and farmland preservation easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MONMOUTH BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS does hereby RECOMMEND to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE the ENTERING INTO a COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT between the COUNTY OF MONMOUTH and the TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN FOR PRESERVATION OF the SAMAHA FARM for OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PURPOSES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board and the Director are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to assist in the preservation of the Samaha Farm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the County Counsel.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024.



Andrew Spears, Director

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Commissioner Foster:

RESOLUTION

R-24-10-7=380

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners solicited and received written proposals on August 28, 2024, for PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF BLDG. #2028 AND BLDG. #2026 AT DORBROOK RECREATION AREA, COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY (PS #44-24); and

WHEREAS, a significant change in the specifications is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners that ALL proposals received on August 28, 2024, for PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION OF BLDG. #2028 AND BLDG. #2026 AT DORBROOK RECREATION AREA, COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY (PS #44-24), are hereby REJECTED, as a significant change in the specifications is needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby AUTHORIZE the DIRECTOR to RE-SOLICIT proposals for same.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Fiore, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024.



ANDREW J. SPEARS, Director

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The following resolution was offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy:

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WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Board of Recreation Commissioners may go into executive session to discuss matters that may be confidential or listed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Board Attorney and/or Director to go into executive session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in executive session; and

WHEREAS, notice of this regularly scheduled Board meeting, including date, time, and place, has been posted, and the County Clerk and two (2) newspapers as designated by the Board have been noticed, per the schedule adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of December 18, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners does hereby recess into Executive Session for Potential Property Acquisitions or Sales – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12-(b)(5) for the purpose of discussing:

- Discussion – Ocean Grove Conservation Easements
- Additions to Shark River Park
- Environmental Services, Additions to Shark River Park
- Survey Services, Additions to Shark River Park

Seconded by Commissioner Adcock, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024.



ANDREW J. SPEARS, Director

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The following resolution was offered for adoption by Vice Chairman Fiore:

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners deems it necessary and advisable to acquire and preserve certain lands for County Open Space Conservation and Park Purposes, located in the TOWNSHIP OF WALL, being more particularly described as BLOCK 907, LOT 16, and more commonly known as PROPERTY OWNED BY FIRST SOUTHEAST, INC., an improved parcel, containing ± 1.66 ACRES, as ADDITIONS TO SHARK RIVER PARK, through negotiations or other legal means, for county open space preservation, natural resources conservation and public park and recreation purposes, in the Amount of \$450,000.00, subject to satisfactory title, environmental review, and adjustments for acreage, taxes and other closing costs; and

WHEREAS, funds for the acquisition of the above named parcel has been provided by the Monmouth County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, Account #T-12-56-850-115-667, Sub-Account #00026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS does hereby RECOMMEND to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE the ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY FIRST SOUTHEAST, INC., being more particularly described as BLOCK 907, LOT 16, WALL TOWNSHIP, an improved parcel, containing ± 1.66 ACRES, as ADDITIONS TO SHARK RIVER PARK, through negotiations or other legal means, for county open space preservation, natural resources conservation and public park and recreation purposes, in the Amount of \$450,000.00, subject to satisfactory title, environmental review, and adjustments for acreage, taxes and other closing costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board and the Director are hereby authorized to take any and all action as may be required to acquire said property for the benefit of the citizens of Monmouth County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Clerk of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and County Counsel.

Seconded by Commissioner Adcock, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

In the affirmative:	Chairman Mandeville, Vice Chairman Fiore, Commissioners Harmon, Hennessy, Butch, Adcock, Davidson, and Foster
In the negative:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Horsnall

I hereby certify the above to be the true resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners at the regular meeting of the Board on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2024



ANDREW J. SPEARS, Director

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