

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 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 Chairman Fred J. Rummel at 7:05 PM.

The following were Present on roll call:

Chairman Fred J. Rummel
Vice Chairman Kevin Mandeville
Commissioners:
Edward J. Loud
Michael G. Harmon
Violeta Peters
Thomas E. Hennessy, Jr.
David W. Horsnall
Melvin A. Hood
Mark E. Zelina

The following were Absent on roll call:

None

Also Present:

Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director
Meghan Bennett Clark, Special Co. Counsel
Thomas E. Fobes, Supt. of Co. Parks/Park Operations
Michael E. Janoski, Co. Park Supt./Golf Operations
George Richdale, Assistant Superintendent
Stephanie Weise, Purchasing Agent
Andrew Spears, Superintendent of Recreation
Karen Livingstone, Public Information/Volunteers
Spencer Wickham, Chief/Land Acq. & Design
Andrew R. Coeyman, Supv./Land Preservation Office
Russ Harmstead, Neptune, NJ
Tom Arnone, Neptune City, NJ
Michael Bascom, Neptune, NJ
Rosemarie Gorden, Neptune, NJ
Pam Bennett, Neptune, NJ
Mike Bennett, Neptune, NJ
Randy Bishop, Ocean Grove, NJ
Cindy Nelson, Neptune, NJ
Rich Nelson, Neptune, NJ
Larry Stulz, Neptune, NJ
Maggie Stulz, Neptune, NJ
Carole Wenzek, Neptune, NJ
Robert Brown, Neptune City, NJ
John Dempsey, Ocean, NJ
Bill Sciarappa, Neptune City, NJ
Dan Skinner, Oakhurst, NJ
Charles Measure, Neptune City, NJ

Bart Turner, Shark River Hills, NJ
George Sullivan, Bradley Beach, NJ
Toby Husserl, MD, Neptune, NJ
Stephanie Seyr, Neptune, NJ
Michael Kelly, Neptune, NJ
Bill Burdge, Neptune, NJ
Nellie Del Re, Neptune, NJ
Lori Talmage, Avon, NJ
Robert Forsyth, Wall, NJ
John Poplowski, Neptune, NJ
George Hickey, Neptune, NJ
Brian Penla, Neptune, NJ
Brian Fisher, Neptune, NJ
Richard Colasurdo, Neptune, NJ
Donna Colasurdo, Neptune, NJ
Robert F. Mezey, Neptune, NJ
Rick Donofrio, Neptune, NJ
Linda & Bill Wilks, Neptune, NJ
Frank & Dolores Diana, Neptune, NJ
William Sherman, Ocean, NJ
Eric Houghtaling, Neptune, NJ
Julie Sobel, Neptune, NJ
David Crotty, Neptune, NJ
Lynn Yesalonia, Neptune, NJ
Don Beekman, Neptune, NJ
Bob Desanctis, Neptune, NJ
Al Hickey, Neptune, NJ
Pat & Jerry Leonard, Spring Lake Heights, NJ
Victor Webster, Shark River Hills, NJ
Brian Thomas, Neptune Heights, NJ
William Niskoch, Neptune, NJ
Rick Carlson, Neptune, NJ
Joe Pancza, Wall, NJ
Barry Hanbert, Neptune, NJ
Rich Connors, Neptune City, NJ
Jim Granelli, Neptune, NJ
Bill & Nancy Gescke, Neptune City, NJ
Mary Beth Kirby, Neptune, NJ
Leslie Dempsey, Ocean, NJ
John Scharff, Neptune, NJ
Joanne Kaden, Neptune, NJ
Cal Talmage, Avon, NJ
Carol Mainieri, Neptune, NJ
Charlie Martino, Neptune, NJ
Chris DeStefan, Neptune, NJ
Chaz Lee, Neptune, NJ

Leanne R. Hoffmann, Neptune Twp Engineer
Senator Beck, Red Bank, NJ
Roland Hillman, Neptune, NJ
(Name Not Legible), 106 Millpond Rd., Neptune, NJ
Roger Eichenour, Neptune, NJ
Michael Golub, Neptune, NJ
Peter Coreno, Neptune, NJ
Joseph Hawkin, Neptune, NJ

Chairman Rummel 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 Asbury Park Press and other newspapers circulated in Monmouth County, and the County Clerk have been noticed, including date, time and place, as adopted by the Commission at their regular meeting of November 18, 2013, as required by law.”

Chairman Rummel led the Board in the salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for the observance of a moment of silence.

On a motion made by Commissioner Horsnall, seconded by Commissioner Harmon, the **MINUTES** of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners held on **MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**, were upon being put to a vote approved as recorded by Chairman Rummel, Vice Chairman Mandeville, Commissioners Harmon, Peters, Hennessy, Horsnall and Hood. Commissioners Loud and Zelina abstained as not being present at the meeting.

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Commissioner Hennessy, the **MINUTES** of the **EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING** of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners held on **MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**, for the purpose of discussing **LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS**, were upon being put to a vote approved as recorded by Chairman Rummel, Vice Chairman Mandeville, Commissioners Harmon, Peters, Hennessy, Horsnall and Hood. Commissioners Loud and Zelina abstained as not being present at the meeting.

The Assistant 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 or potential litigation.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Peters, the **2013 VOUCHER LIST**, as submitted for approval, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously approved as recorded.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Vice Chairman Mandeville, the **2014 VOUCHER LIST**, as submitted for approval, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously approved as recorded.

Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board the following **REPORTS**:

1. **BUDGET REPORTS**

On a motion made by Commissioner Horsnall, seconded by Commissioner Zelina, the **BUDGET REPORTS** were upon being put to a vote, unanimously accepted as reported. (Budget Reports in Minute Book)

2. **REVENUE REPORT—MONTH OF JANUARY**

On a motion made by Commissioner Loud, seconded by Commissioner Hennessy, the **REVENUE REPORT** for the **MONTH OF JANUARY** was upon being put to a vote, unanimously accepted as reported. (Revenue Report in Minute Book)

3. **ATTENDANCE REPORT—MONTH OF JANUARY**

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Commissioner Zelina, the **ATTENDANCE REPORT** for the **MONTH OF JANUARY** was upon being put to a vote, unanimously accepted as reported. (Attendance Report in Minute Book)

4. **HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING & SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT—JANUARY 2014 (2/18/2014)**

On a motion made by Commissioner Horsnall, seconded by Vice Chairman Mandeville, the **HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING & SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014 (2/18/2014)**, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously accepted as reported. (Human Resources Training & Safety Monthly Report in Minute Book)

5. **MCPS TRAINING REQUESTS AS OF FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

On a motion made by Commissioner Horsnall, seconded by Commissioner Zelina, the **MCPS TRAINING REQUESTS AS OF FEBRUARY 17, 2014**, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously authorized. (MCPS Training Requests in Minute Book)

6. **MCPS WEBSITE TRAFFIC REPORT—MONTH OF JANUARY 2014**

On a motion made by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Vice Chairman Mandeville, the **MCPS WEBSITE TRAFFIC REPORT** for the **MONTH OF JANUARY 2014**, was upon being put to a vote, unanimously accepted as reported. (MCPS Website Traffic Report in Minute Book)

Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board the following **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**:

1. Letter from Mrs. C. Kotzen, Lakewood, NJ, dated January 28, 2014, letting us know what wonderful park rangers we have, and expressing how nice, courteous and helpful Ranger Jason Zinger (Manasquan Reservoir) was, when she and her children were locked out of her vehicle after enjoying the park. *(Acknowledgement letter from Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director, dated February 18, 2014)*

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Commissioner Harmon, the meeting was **OPENED** to the **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** at 7:09 PM. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Rummel read a statement to the public asking speakers to contain their statement to three (3) minutes and to respect each others opinion.

Chairman Rummel recognized Senator Beck as the first speaker.

Senator Beck thanked the audience for their attendance. The Senator stated that when she became the representative for Neptune Township and Neptune City she immediately began getting questions about dredging the Shark River. She noted that discussions have been going on for two decades. She stressed that the need is agreed upon. The State of New Jersey has faced a number of stumbling blocks. First there is no site to dry the dredge spoils; no one could agree on a spoil site. The state began three years ago to revisit the studies with all the stake holders. It was noted a site next to the Neptune Township Sewerage Authority might work out. DEP did some preliminary review and determined this site might meet their requirements. DOT then began a review of the site which leads us to where we are today. To use the site for this purpose would require removal of the site from the ROSI. DEP would begin to test material to determine the suitability to go to an upland site and DOT would determine if the site is suitable as a dredge spoil site. The Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Board of Chosen Freeholders would be partners to temporarily remove the site from the ROSI. The state would like to determine if this is an acceptable dredge spoil site before doing the rest of the studies. The State Commissioner has determined that the Shark River is an enormous resource and is in the top 6 statewide and is one of 6 sites that have money allocated; \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Unless we can show some progress of being able to dredge we are at risk of losing the funding. If we don't move forward now the Senator indicated that she is afraid we will lose funding for all time. I am happy to answer your questions now.

Chairman Rummel asked what is the dredging timeframe?

Senator Beck stated DEP has said 6 to 12 months with various factors determining the final time. Factors such as how wet the season is, how much to dredge, and what kind of material is being dredged.

Commissioner Harmon noted that there are 22 acres at this site. He said that information from the Scoping Hearing indicated heard 9, 11, and 16 acre scenarios. Commissioner Harmon, asked what is the size of the CDF? Approximately?

Senator Beck said she didn't know the size. DEP and DOT would work together to determine the size. The amount of spoils to be dredged is 100,000 yards; 70,000 historic and 30,000 from Hurricane Sandy. It will also be determined by the number of dredge cycles. Maybe 60% at one time and 40% at another. The National Marine Fisheries limit the time you can dredge. As DOT and DEP do their studies and hearings that will all come together.

Chairman Rummel recognized Freeholder Arnone

Freeholder Arnone thanked the Board of Recreation Commissioners and the residents for being here this evening. He explained that this all started 19 years ago. A coalition was formed to go to Trenton. As the years have gone by the river got worse. Freeholder Arnone said that we have to look at the regional economics. He indicated that his initial interest in the project was for Neptune City, where he was the mayor for eight years. This is an application to get started to see if this is a possibility. He stressed that, as a Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholder he would not allow contaminated soil be placed on County property. If the Board grants approval to move forward, it then goes to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Freeholder Arnone expressed his understanding of residents' frustration, but that all the answers simply aren't available yet. The Freeholders will make the final decision. After the engineering studies and testing then a final approval will be granted by all the involved parties. The dredging season is May thru October. The mechanical engineering is expensive and it may not be possible. This is just a start; with the submission of this application. Freeholder Arnone said that there is no way that he would allow contaminated soil on county property.

Commissioner Harmon asked who are we actually dealing with?

Senator Beck explained that it is a partnership with Monmouth County filing an application to Green Acres for removal of that site from the ROSI. DEP will then talk to the matter of mitigation. Monmouth County will then have on-going conversations with NJDOT and NJDEP.

Commissioner Horsnall asked of the Senator and the Freeholder, if we move forward and we take exception to some issue have we given up our right to challenge the project?

Freeholder Arnone answered, this is just the application. If the Board of Chosen Freeholders or Board of Recreation Commissioners has a problem then it can be challenged. The County still owns the land.

Chairman Rummel recognized Neptune Township Committeeman Randy Bishop.

Committeeman Bishop thanked the Board for inviting comments during the meeting evening. He acknowledged that some residents fear the odor from the dredge spoils. He said that from his experience in Neptune, they have drying spoils at the marina and they have never had a complaint. No one will allow contaminated spoils to be relocated there. Mr. Bishop said that Neptune Township has land to offset the temporary loss of County Park land. He stressed that this is our last chance. He said that this is literally the turning of the key not the starting of the engine. This is a partnership.

Commissioner Hennessey asked, if the State require us to remove the land from the ROSI? His understanding was that the match is a 5 to 1 ratio. Commissioner Hennessey asked why Neptune would sacrifice their land if the County was to retain ownership of the Shark River Park parcel?

Senator Beck stated that the County would negotiate this with Green Acres.

Spence Wickham, Chief of Land Acquisition for the Park System was called upon to clarify this matter. Mr. Wickham stated that a temporary application is good for two years with a six month extension. No mitigation is required. Beyond two years and six months it would be considered a diversion.

Commissioner Peters asked if the Board has any responsibility for the dredging project during these 2 years.

Special County Counsel Meghan Bennett Clark stated that agreements would have to include indemnification.

Commissioner Harmon asked for clarification on the cycles.

Freeholder Arnone stated that it can't be determined how much can be dredged until it is engineered.

Committeeman Bishop stated that this process will determine the answers that everyone is hoping for.

Commissioner Harmon stated that he visited the site this past weekend. He asked for the specific location within the Shark River Park parcel where the spoils would be located.

Senator Beck stated, it is not known at this time. The engineers are not yet willing to commit without completing their homework.

Commissioner Harmon said that he is concerned about cutting trees where the CDF will be located especially on the side where there are neighboring homes.

Freeholder Arnone stated this will be a part of our negotiations. The field area is shaped like a bowl and that would perhaps be the best location for the spoil area.

Committeeman Bishop stated that this is why we are having these discussions.

Commissioner Harmon stated that he estimated it would take approximately 5,000 trucks to move the dredge spoils from the Shark River Park site, once dried. This could cost up to a million dollars. Commissioner Harmon stressed the importance of making sure there is enough money at the end for site restoration.

Senator Beck stated that Monmouth County will negotiate any aspects of this issue with the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Harmon asked about the total cost of the project.

Senator Beck answered that engineers estimate it will cost from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

At 7:52, Chairman Rummel invited anyone from the audience to address the Board.

Mr. Michael Golub of Neptune, representing West Neptune Homeowners Association, indicated his support for the dredging. He noted that the cause of the problem, and the need for dredging, is about "bad behavior". The problems, he said, with the river are caused by over development in Tinton Falls and Neptune Township that push the envelope after Hurricane Sandy. There are applications on file in each town that, if approved, will continue to contribute to further problems in the Shark River.

Mr. Michael Bennett of Neptune referenced his appearance before the Board two weeks ago when he provided most of the background on his concerns with the dredging project. Mr. Bennett said that he heard that a resolution is being proposed for two years and six months. He stressed that the project can't take place in that time frame. He also said that he heard the current dredge proposal only address the state channels. He said that if that's the case, other sites might be more feasible. If studies can be done, in three to six months, that's not a lot of time. Mr. Bennett said that standards for a CDF dictate that the owner is responsible. He asked if there was enough money for that. He said that in pumping the slurry up that hill there will be an enormous amount of salt water which will kill a lot of vegetation. He asserted that salt water is a contaminate. He also noted that the Park System maintenance building is within the CDF. He asked if the Park System would be reimbursed for loss of the maintenance area. Mr. Bennett concluded by saying that the Board does not have to take action tonight stressing that the money will still be there in two weeks.

Mr. Russ Harmstead of Neptune asked if a pre application was filed before the Scoping Hearing. Mr. Harmstead read a brief statement and asked who determines what is considered contamination, who is responsible for removing it if found to be contaminated. He asserted that with 100,000 yards of spoils and millions of gallons of water there will be some contamination.

Mr. Roger Eichenour of Neptune asked, if there was an application before this Board this evening and if there is a resolution before this Board.

Special County Counsel Meghan Bennett Clark said there is a draft resolution to be considered.

Mr. Eichenour stated there have been talks about this for two weeks and whether there was any reason that the resolution is not on the agenda.

Special County Counsel Meghan Bennett Clark stated it will be discussed in Executive Session and after that it will be determined if it will be considered tonight.

Mr. John Dempsey of Ocean stated the parcel in question is about 16 acres of 16,000 acres total Park System acreage. He said that it represents 1/10 of 1 percent of all county land to save a river. He said that we are talking about fears. He said that the DEP says it's rare for dredge spoils to smell and there's little contamination in the channel. He referenced talk about the deer on the site; he said that they are shooting the deer today. He said there is talk about trucks but there are no houses where the trucks will go. He said there is talk about drying time. He noted that at Sylvan Lake they dredged 5,000 yards and it dried in six to eight weeks. He said that a lot of this is about fears without the facts. The 2006 Birdsall Report says the river will become a salt marsh if it isn't dredged. Mr. Dempsey stressed that we need to bring life back into the river and to put the burden on the elected officials to make the decision.

Commissioner Mandeville stated that he wanted to assure everyone that the Board operates completely in the open.

Mr. Bill Sciarappa of Neptune City stated he has seen a lot of changes in the river over the years. He observed that on the Wall Township side of the river they previously put salt water dredge spoils there and today it's beautiful. He noted that salt is soluble. Where there was damaged trees and vegetation from Sandy, the plants are growing back. At Sylvan Lake the dredge spoils, before being trucked away, drained back into the lake and salt was not that much of a problem. Where there have been dredge spoils, at Wreck Pond, Sylvan Lake and the Shark River hardly anyone complained of any smells. The smell is from fertilizers we put on our lawns, he said. The nitrogen creates bacteria and the phosphorus algae and that's what creates the odors, he explained, and the only PCB's were near the former military base.

Mr. Bart Turner of Shark River Hills stated that he was a teenager when the river was last dredged. He noted that they made an island with the dredge spoils and now its housing. He said that after about the third week they were riding bikes on it and they eventually built houses on it. He said he didn't remember any smells.

Mr. David Crotty of Neptune said he lives right across the street from the proposed dredge spoil site in Shark River Park. He expressed his love for the park. He suggested that, as stewards, the Board should think more about this proposal. There has been a little more information given about it. Mr. Crotty said he lives 200 feet away from the park. He said that he just wants more questions answered before moving forward. Mr. Crotty wondered if anyone has asked, what's going to happen to Shark River Golf Course. He asked if pumping will be going on for 24 hours a day.

Commissioner Harmon said that the Board shares his concerns and feels a little like you feel. Commissioner Harmon said he would like to get some of the same questions answered. He said that he has been assured that the Board will "get another bite of the apple".

Mr. Dan Skinner of Oakhurst stated that this step is just part of the procedures. He acknowledged that everyone wants their answers tonight but it takes time to get answers. He said that as a member of the yacht club he feels this is desperately needed. He asked the Board to move forward with the project.

Mr. John Scharff of Neptune stated that his property, where he has lived for over 30 years, borders Shark River Park. He said that the biggest issue is the economical implication of not dredging the Shark River. He said that he doesn't want to see anything happen to the park. He said that if the Board can help out with this project they can improve the life blood of that stream all the way to Blueberry Acres. Mr. Scharff indicated that he is completely in favor of the dredging project.

Stephanie Seyr of Neptune asked who owns the Shark River. She continued that if the river dries up who owns the land? She asserted that it would behoove the County to dredge the river. If not, she said, you would have the state on your back.

Mayor Robert Brown of Neptune City thanked to Board for considering the project. He acknowledged the efforts of Freeholder Arnone and Senator Beck to support the dredging of the Shark River. He explained that this has been an 18 year concern and that it is time to get on board with dredging the river.

Mr. Joseph Hawd of Neptune stated that he lives directly across the street from the Park. He explained that he grew up in Toms River and referenced the problems that they have had with Ciba Geigy. He said that he is concerned about the odor from a dredge spoil site so close to his home. He said that one of the reasons he bought his house was because it was adjacent to a park.

Mr. Roger Eichenour of Neptune stated that the proposed dredge spoil site is over a mile from the Shark River. It adjoins wetlands, not the river. He stressed that it is adjacent to a residential neighborhood and you are talking about 5,000 trucks coming and going. He expressed his concern that once the CDF is in place you will never see the end to it. He said that he has heard estimates that there are 5,000,000 cubic yards of spoils that need to be removed to save the Shark River.

Commissioner Harmon stated that he had heard the estimate of 1,500,000 yards to be removed from the Shark River in order to bring it back.

Mr. Joe Pancza of Wall Township stated, does the Neptune Township Sewerage Authority not smell? I rest my case. Clarify are we talking about dredging the river or the channels?

A few members of the Board responded, the channels.

Mr. Eric Houghtaling, former Mayor of Neptune indicated that he was Chairman of the Scoping Hearing and understands that there is a lot of frustration because many questions have not been answered. He noted that it is going to take money to get the answers. He indicated that we need to get to the point where New Jersey Department of Transportation is willing to spend money to get answers.

Freeholder Arnone suggested that the Board would eventually have all of their questions answered once the process gets started by filing the application. Freeholder Arnone explained that last year Neptune dredged 16,000 yards but it is not their responsibility to dredge the channels. For 18 years, he explained, dredging was a priority for primarily recreational purposes. But after Sandy, it's become a quality of life issue.

Mr. Rick Carlson, Neptune, explained that he has three daughters who have been out of their home since the storm. He shared how much they want to get back to their home. He noted the changes he has witnessed to the river for over 30 years. He described it as a "gross change". He noted that the only true fact he had heard tonight is it's a dying river.

Mr. John Dempsey of Neptune said, DOT is the hold up in all projects. There is no place to take the spoils to. We lost our club to storm Sandy.

Mr. Michael Bennett said, Sandy happened and nothing we can do will stop the storm surge.

Ms. Leanne Hoffmann, Neptune Township Engineer explained that the township had recently mechanically dredged their marina. The spoils were put in hoppers to dewater and then transported to the landfill. She noted that it took 2 days to dry. She explained that they did this five to six times for a total of 16,000 yards. She noted that there was no negative impact, and it took less time. It was a simpler way by trucking the spoils in water tight roll off containers. It took just months for the whole process.

Commissioner Harmon asked Ms. Hoffman what she would estimate the size of the CDF that would be needed for the proposed dredging project.

Ms. Hoffman responded that she has never built a CDF so she couldn't comment. She explained that they did contamination testing on the Neptune dredge spoils and the results could be shared with the Board.

Mr. Bill Geschke of Neptune City stated that the yacht club dredged last year and the test results indicated no contaminants.

Senator Beck explained that the Board of Recreation Commissioners' proposed resolution recommends to the Board of Chosen Freeholders to begin the process of temporarily removing the Shark River Park property from the ROSI. The Board of Chosen Freeholders would then take a vote at their next meeting to approve the filing of the application.

There being no one else present to be heard, it was moved by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, that the portion of the meeting Open to the **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** be **CLOSED**, at 8:51 PM.

At 8:52 PM, on a motion made by Commissioner Horsnall, seconded by Vice Chairman Mandeville, the Board took a brief **RECESS**. Upon being put to a vote the motion was unanimously carried.

At 9:09 PM, on a motion made by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Chairman Rummel the meeting was called back to order.

Freeholder Arnone announced that since the issue of dredging the Shark River was not listed on the agenda and as much as he wanted to move this project along, the resolution will be formally considered by the Board of Recreation Commissioners at it's next meeting in 2 weeks. Freeholder Arnone explained that the item's omission from the agenda was in no way intentional. He explained that he didn't want anyone to think otherwise. He also explained that over the next two weeks no new information would be forthcoming from the State because the State won't discuss details until a formal action is taken on the matter from the County.

Vice Chairman Mandeville asked about the process for holding a special meeting.

After a brief discussion it was decided not to have a special meeting.

Commissioner Horsnall clarified that the reason a vote was not taken because this issue was not specifically indicated on the agenda.

Someone from the audience asked Commissioner Hood about his visit to the Shark River Park site with the Neptune Township Engineer.

Commissioner Hood responded that he wanted to visit the site and it was not a meeting with other commissioners. He stated that he does sit on the Neptune Township Planning Board.

Mr. Golub inquired about a procedural issue.

Special County Counsel Meghan Bennett Clark informed Mr. Golub to complete an OPRA request.

Chairman Rummel read the following Statement of Adequate Public Notice:

“Statement of Adequate Public Notice of **Executive Session 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 County Clerk and two (2) newspapers as designated by the Board have been noticed, including date, time and place, as adopted by the Commission at their regular meeting of February 10, 2014, as required under the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.”

At 9:22 PM the following resolution was offered for adoption by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Commissioner Loud, that the Board move into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing **LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS**, being additions to county park lands:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners may recess into Executive Session pursuant to the Notice as set forth in the Agenda and the Statement of Public Notice as referred to therein for the purposes as set forth therein including the purposes of discussing “land acquisition matters being additions to county park lands”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Recreation Commissioners, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, may recess into Executive Session to discuss matters involving the Attorney/Client Privilege and matters involving negotiations and real estate matters and procedures related thereto as may relate to a Hearing held pursuant to Resolutions as adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners does hereby recess into Executive Session to discuss the aforementioned subject matters and the Minutes of the same may be disclosed at such time in the future as the Board of Recreation Commissioners may, in its discretion, determine according to law.

In the Affirmative: Chairman Rummel, Vice Chairman Mandeville,
Commissioners Loud, Harmon, Peters, Hennessy,
Horsnall, Hood and Zelina

In the Negative: None

Absent: None

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Commissioner Hennessy, and by unanimous vote, the regular meeting was **RECONVENED** at 10:12 PM.

The Assistant Director indicated that the Minutes of the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition matters will be available to the public in ninety (90) days, or upon completion of land acquisition matters being additions to county park lands, or upon completion of potential litigation.

The following resolution was introduced:

R-14-2-24=116 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Horsnall, RECOMMENDING to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS the ACQUISITION of the ESTATE OF FISHER PROPERTY, also known as BLOCK 169, LOT 4, AND BLOCK 170, LOT 33, MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, an improved parcel, containing ±9.53 ACRES, as ADDITIONS TO DEEP RUN RECREATION AREA, 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 \$227,500.00. (Funds provided by the #91201 Capital Account, Account #C-04-55-912-010-010, Sub-Account #91214). Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted (Resolution in Minute Book)

FREEHOLDER'S REPORT:

The Assistant Director indicated that there was no Freeholder's Report as Freeholder Director Burry was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict in her schedule.

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board the following items:

1. Board Action Item #1 – Monmouth County Park System Environmental Sustainability Policy

Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director informed the Board as we prepare for our CAPRA Re-Accreditation this year, one of the 144 standards to meet is for the Board to have an adopted Sustainability Policy that addresses sustainable issues. Many of the principles and concepts in the policy are already practiced by the park System. By adopting this policy it will help us meet this standard.

Following a discussion, the Board agreed to adopt a resolution adopting the Monmouth County Park System Environmental Sustainability Policy.

2. Board Action Item #10 – Recommending to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders the Entering Into a Lease Agreement with the Salvation Army Operating through its Asbury Park Corps, for the Lease of Available Space for the "Urban Recreation Initiative" Program for the Year 2014, with the option to extend the lease for 2015.

Andrew Spears, Superintendent of Recreation, informed the Board how pleased we were with the Salvation Army's cooperation. It's a good arrangement for us. We have 30 children attending our after school program and we run Saturday field trips from this facility.

Following a discussion, the Board agreed to adopt a resolution recommending to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders the Entering Into a Lease Agreement with The Salvation Army Operating through its Asbury Park Corps, for the Lease of Available Space, for the "Urban Recreation Initiative" Program, for a period of one (1) year (January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, with an option to extend the lease for an additional one (1) year period ending on December 31, 2015.

3. Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board Add On Agenda Items For Board Action #11 through #17, as follows:
 - Items #11 & 12 For Board Action – Rejecting bid proposals of John Deere Landscapes, Inc., and Fisher & Son Company, LLC, for Furnishing & Delivery of Seed, Lime, Fertilizer, Chemicals and Agricultural Supplies (Bid #0024-14), Item #66 ONLY, as variance did not meet specification.
 - Items #13, 14, 15 & 16 For Board Action – Award of Contracts for Furnishing & Delivery of Seed, Lime, Fertilizer, Chemicals and Agricultural Supplies (Bid #0024-14).
 - Item #17 For Board Action – Recommending acceptance of the written proposal of T & M Associates for providing Professional Surveying Services for Partial Boundary Line Survey of Block 419.01, Lot 1, City of Long Branch, NJ, Owner: County of Monmouth, ±277 l.f., Project: Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, through a non-fair and open process.

Following a discussion the Board agreed to adopt resolutions for Board Action Items #11 through #17 as listed on the Agenda.

4. Bruce A. Gollnick, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board the Status of Funded Projects as of February 18, 2014, as distributed to the Board.

At 10:20 PM, the following **RESOLUTION OF CONSENT** was offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, to approve Agenda Items #1 through #17.

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners has received the Tentative Agenda for the Board's Regular Meeting of February 24, 2014, in advance of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board has had an opportunity to review and consider Agenda Items #1 through #10 for Board Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board also reviewed Agenda Items #11 through #17 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 through #17.

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

In the Affirmative: Chairman Rummel, Vice Chairman Mandeville,
Commissioners Loud, Harmon, Peters, Hennessy,
Horsnall, Hood and Zelina

In the Negative: None

Absent: None

ITEMS ACTED ON BY THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS:

- R-14-2-24=117 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, Adopting the Monmouth County Park System Environmental Sustainability Policy. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=118 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, REJECTING ALL bids received on January 28, 2014, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF ROAD MAINTENANCE MATERIALS (Bid #0018-14), ITEM #5 ONLY, as quantity of material listed in the bid specification is no longer being utilized. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=119 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, RESCINDING contract awarded by Resolution #R-14-2-10=101, to R.W.V. LAND & LIVESTOCK SOUTH, INC., Jackson, NJ, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF ROAD MAINTENANCE MATERIALS (Bid #0018-14), ITEMS: #1, 5, 6, 8 (2014 Supply Contract for the Period of 02/10/14 through 12/31/14); in the Estimated Total. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=120 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to R.W.V. LAND & LIVESTOCK SOUTH, INC., Jackson, NJ, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF ROAD MAINTENANCE MATERIALS (Bid #0018-14), ITEMS: #1, 6, 8 (2014 Supply Contract for the Period of 02/24/14 through 12/31/14); in the Estimated Total Contract Amount of \$22,551.50. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)

- R-14-2-24=121 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, ACCEPTING the WRITTEN PROPOSAL of PARTNER ASSESSMENT CORP., dba PARTNER ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE, INC., Eatontown, NJ, as received on February 10, 2014, proposal dated February 6, 2014, for providing ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREAM STABILIZATION AT SHARK RIVER PARK, TINTON FALLS, NJ (Ref. #14-02 & PS #14-14), in an Amount Not To Exceed \$31,473.00, as a non-fair and open contract, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate, and further AUTHORIZING the SECRETARY-DIRECTOR to SEND NOTICE of contract award to the Asbury Park Press, a newspaper printed and published in the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, as required by law, within twenty (20) days of its passage. (*Non-Fair & Open process approved by Teri O'Connor, County Administrator, as per her Memorandum dated December 9, 2013.*) Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=122 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, ACCEPTING the WRITTEN PROPOSAL of FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES, PA, Wall, NJ, as received on February 7, 2014, proposal dated February 5, 2014, for providing PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED IN THE SAMPLING, TESTING AND PREPARATION OF REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NJPDES) PERMIT FOR CHARLESTON SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP, NJ, FOR 2014 (Ref. #13-50 & PS #12-14), in an Amount Not To Exceed \$4,670.00, as solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=123 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, ACCEPTING the WRITTEN PROPOSAL of MUNGEAM CORNISH GOLF DESIGN, INC., Douglas, MA, as received on February 7, 2014, proposal dated February 1, 2014, for providing GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS PARK LOCATIONS (Ref. #13-51 & PS #13-14), in an Amount Not To Exceed \$12,000.00, as solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=124 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to TIGER CONSTRUCTION SERVICE CORP., Farmingdale, NJ, for NEW POTABLE WELL FOR BUILDING #301 TURKEY SWAMP PARK (Bid #0019-14), ITEMS: 1-4 Inclusive (Total Base Bid Price); in the Total Contract Amount of \$28,246.00. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)

- R-14-2-24=125 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to JAMES R. IENTILE, INC., Marlboro, NJ, for TRAIL SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II, UNION TRANSPORTATION TRAIL (Bid #0020-14), ITEMS: 1-32 Inclusive (Total Base Bid Price); in the Total Contract Amount of \$589,913.00. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=126 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, RECOMMENDING to the MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS the ENTERING INTO a LEASE AGREEMENT with THE SALVATION ARMY OPERATING THROUGH ITS ASBURY PARK CORPS, 605 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712, for the LEASE OF AVAILABLE SPACE, for the "URBAN RECREATION INITIATIVE" Program, for a period of ONE (1) YEAR, commencing WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014, with an option to extend the lease for an additional one (1) year period ending on December 31, 2015. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=127 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, REJECTING bid proposal of JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES, INC., Cleveland, OH, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF SEED, LIME, FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES (Bid #0024-14), ITEM: #66 ONLY, as variance did not meet specification. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=128 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, REJECTING bid proposal of FISHER & SON COMPANY, LLC, Exton, PA, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF SEED, LIME, FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES (Bid #0024-14), ITEM: #66 ONLY, as variance did not meet specification. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=129 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to REED & PERRINE SALES, INC., Tennent, NJ, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF SEED, LIME, FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES (Bid #0024-14), ITEM: #156 (2014 Supply Contract for the Period of 02/24/14 through 12/31/14); in the Total Contract Amount of \$950.00. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)

- R-14-2-24=130 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to HELENA CHEMICAL COMPANY, Collierville, TN, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF SEED, LIME, FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES (Bid #0024-14), ITEMS: #069 & 155 (2014 Supply Contract for the Period of 02/24/14 through 12/31/14); in the Total Contract Amount of \$4,518.00. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=131 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to FISHER & SON CO., INC., Exton, PA, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF SEED, LIME, FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES (Bid #0024-14), ITEMS: #064 & 104 (2014 Supply Contract for the Period of 02/24/14 through 12/31/14); in the Total Contract Amount of \$10,072.50. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=132 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, AWARDING CONTRACT to the lowest responsible bidder, as per bid proposal to SEETON TURF WAREHOUSE, LLC, Mount Laurel, NJ, for FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF SEED, LIME, FERTILIZER, CHEMICALS AND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES (Bid #0024-14), ITEMS: #040, 065 & 066 (2014 Supply Contract for the Period of 02/24/14 through 12/31/14); in the Total Contract Amount of \$52,233.85. Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)
- R-14-2-24=133 Resolution offered for adoption by Commissioner Hennessy, seconded by Commissioner Loud, ACCEPTING the WRITTEN PROPOSAL of T & M ASSOCIATES, Middletown, NJ, as received on February 13, 2014, proposal dated February 13, 2014, for PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES FOR PARTIAL BOUNDARY LINE SURVEY OF BLOCK 419.01, LOT 1, CITY OF LONG BRANCH, NJ, OWNER: COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, +277 LINEAR FEET, PROJECT: SEVEN PRESIDENTS OCEANFRONT PARK (Ref. #13-30 & PS #15-14), in an Amount Not To Exceed \$5,500.00, as a non-fair and open contract, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate, and further AUTHORIZING the SECRETARY-DIRECTOR to SEND NOTICE of contract award to the Asbury Park Press, a newspaper printed and published in the Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, as required by law, within twenty (20) days of its passage. (*Non-Fair & Open process approved by Teri O'Connor, County Administrator, as per her Memorandum dated October 30, 2013.*) Upon being put to a vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted. (Resolution in Minute Book)

On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mandeville, seconded by Commissioner Hood, the Board **AUTHORIZED** the **SECRETARY-DIRECTOR** to **ADVERTISE** for the following **BID**:

1. Furnishing and Delivery of Grounds and Turf Equipment - Supplement #1

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

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

1. Golf Course Architectural Services for Bunker Restoration (Phase 3), Hominy Hill Golf Course (Ref. #14-05) (*NON-FAIR & OPEN*)
2. Surveying Services, Partial Boundary Line Survey & Monuments at Popamora Point, Block 7, Lot 1.01, Atlantic Highlands (Ref. #14-06) (*FAIR & OPEN*)

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

James J. Truncer, Secretary-Director, reviewed the following **DATES TO REMEMBER** with the Board:

1. **SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2, 2013** – 12:30 PM. Volunteer Reception. Hominy Hill Golf Course Clubhouse, Mercer Road, Colts Neck, NJ.
2. **SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2014—WEDS., MARCH 5, 2014** – 39th Annual NJRPA Conference & Exhibition. Trump Taj Mahal Hotel. Atlantic City, NJ.
3. **MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 10, 2014** - 7 PM. **Regular Board Meeting.** Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
4. **MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 2014** - 7 PM. **Regular Board Meeting.** Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
5. **MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 7, 2014** - 7 PM. **Regular Board Meeting.** Thompson Park Visitor Center, “Beech Room”, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ.
6. **MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 21, 2014** - 7 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:

Vice Chairman Mandeville commented that his children have attended a few birthday parties at the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center and he wanted us to know that we have an excellent staff.

Commissioner Horsnall offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Be it resolved that an **Executive Session Meeting** will be held during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of **Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7 PM**, in the "**Beech Room**" of the **Thompson Park Visitor Center**, 1st Floor, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ, for the purpose of discussing **Personnel Matters, Land Acquisition Matters** being additions to county park lands, and **Potential Litigation**; and

Be it further resolved that the Secretary-Director of the Board and/or his Designee is authorized to post and send notice of said meeting to the County Clerk, and two (2) newspapers as designated by the Board, as required under the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

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

In the Affirmative: Chairman Rummel, Vice Chairman Mandeville,
Commissioners Loud, Harmon, Peters, Hennessy,
Horsnall, Hood and Zelina

In the Negative: None

Absent: None

The Assistant 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 Harmon, seconded by Vice Chairman Mandeville, and by unanimous vote, the regular meeting of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners held on Monday Evening, February 24, 2014, was **ADJOURNED** at 10:27 PM.



BRUCE A. GOLLNICK,
Assistant Director