

Florham Park Borough Council
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Work Session Minutes

Present: Huyler, Boy, Taylor, Wikstrom, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane
Absent: Eveland

Council President Huyler called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

Governing Body	Present	Absent
Mayor Eveland		X
Council President Huyler	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilman Boy	X	
Councilman Taylor	X	
Councilman Wikstrom	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	

Councilman Huyler stated that the Council would be immediately entering into Executive Session and would return to open session before going to the regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

#11-161 Authorizing the Council to Enter into Executive Session

Councilman Taylor made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. seconded by Council President Huyler.

The Council returned to the open meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Councilman Taylor:

Councilman Taylor stated that an application was started on Heights at Summit Woods – it is a 5 home development. He will keep the Council updated on its progress.

Councilman Taylor mentioned the re-outfitting of vehicles for the FP Memorial First Aid Squad. He stated they need help with the financing.

Council President Huyler:

Council President Huyler stated that the Environmental Center would be open every Saturday from 8-12. He stated that they may put a uniformed presence down there. The Borough is paying a lot of money for people who are bringing carloads down there. The Borough may have to think of doing something like a ticket system. Residents should also be encouraged to use curbside recycling. It is easier now because it is single stream and there is no need to separate anything.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ken Roser, Member of the Gazebo Committee:

I'm Ken Roser Treasurer of the Florham Park Gazebo Committee and its sister 501(c)(3) corporation, Friends of the Florham Park Gazebo. For the past 3 years, Scott Hibbard has been co-Chairman of the Gazebo Committee. Although he shared the title of Chairman, Scott was the individual that executed all the Chairman responsibilities with extreme enthusiasm. Scott and I share the administrative responsibilities of the committee which entail:

- • Fund raising
- • Talent Scouting
- • Contracts and negotiations
- • Finances including the required yearly reports to the state and federal government
- • Equipment procurement
- • Concession stocking
- • 50/50 operations
- • Publications and distribution
- • Program Advertisement/promotion

Under his leadership the concert series has improved and offered better acts. Scott has been the chief technical person on the committee and is the sole person knowledgeable in the setup and operation of the \$30,000 sound system purchased by the Borough for our use. He is also a professional sound mixer engineer that who is sought after by bands and concert venues. We are fortunate that someone of his caliber is donating his mixing services to the Borough. This experience becomes a prerequisite if we hope to attract national talent to our stage.

Scott's volunteering doesn't end with the Gazebo Committee. He is one of Rocky Scaniello's core team members on the July 4th committee. There he also performs Special Events; providing sound services in addition to other roles of managing the rides and other entertainment support roles.

Recently a decision has been made to relieve Scott of his Gazebo Committee chairmanship duties despite his demonstrated success at performing the chairmanship role. I strongly feel that this decision could severely impact the operation of the committee as Scott's experience, enthusiasm and work ethic is instrumental in the success of the committee. Scott is the type of volunteer that the Borough should be supporting not discouraging. I'm requesting that the town council revisit this decision for the good of the Gazebo Committee and the future success of the Gazebo concert series.

Thank-you.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 p.m., on a motion made by Council President Huyler and duly seconded, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
December 17, 2011