



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
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MINUTES**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – VIRTUAL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:55pm

SALUTE TO FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNSHINE LAW

Introduction as required under the Sunshine Law: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the adoption of a Resolution by the Mayor and Council on the seventh day of January 2020 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 7, 2020 were set forth. Notice of same was delivered to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Notice of the virtual meeting was noticed to the papers on August 27th and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of Borough Hall and posted on the website. All meetings are open to the public.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Witte	Present
Virginia Kropac	Excused Absence
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
David Gardner	Present
Nick DeMauro	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve at this meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilman DeMauro reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Gardner reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that all matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Witte, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-119

Open Space Grant Application

Public Hearing

- Borough Clerk/Administrator Louise Mekosh stated that the Borough would like to apply for an Open Space Grant and if the Council approves the application, the Borough will be applying for improvements at the lake. Spring Lake is applying for a similar project and if everyone is on board, a walking path will be made around the lake. Attached to the resolution is a rough idea of the project. Borough Engineer Bruce Koch of CME Associates will do professional drawings and plans pending approval of the Council. We are applying for the full amount of \$250,000.00 in which the town would have to match the grant in the amount of \$250,000 to make the total project in the amount of \$500,000.00. Mrs. Mekosh explained the application would be for a walking/running path, shoreline restoration, bank stabilization, removal of non native vegetation, benches landscaping and other items the council discusses this evening.
- Mayor Higgins stated that we would be applying for the full amount, \$250,000 to cover costs of the full project.
- Councilman DeMauro questioned what all can be done for the \$500,000 and what would engineering costs be.

- Mr. Koch stated that in addition to the path, a living shoreline can be done, benches and other amenities and to respond to Councilman DeMauro the engineering costs would be around 20%.
- Borough Clerk/Administrator Mekosh stated the soft costs are not included in the grant, the borough would cover those fees.
- Councilman Witte said his only question was if the engineering fees were part of the grant and since they are not, the Borough would pay those on their own.
- Ms. Mekosh stated that this resolution is providing authorization to apply. She asked if there are any other ideas for the grant or any additional items for this grant application.
- Councilwoman Scull stated she would be in favor of including benches and trash cans in this project.
- Mayor Higgins asked if Mr. Koch would review the presentation given by the Williamsburg High School for Architecture and Design at what their suggestions were for the lake and Mr. Koch agreed to review it.
- Mayor Higgins stated that this is a great opportunity and would love to see the Borough apply for the grant. He also explained that when the Administrator first received the application, a discussion was held regarding whether we should apply for funds for the lake or for the ballfield at Behrman Park, and everyone agreed that the grant would be better suited for the improvements at the lake this time around.

Councilman Gardner made a motion to open this resolution for the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Witte, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close this resolution to the public, seconded by Councilman Gardner, all are in favor.

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Councilman Gardner, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner and DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kropac

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Gardner made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Witte, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, immediately following the 7:30pm Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Deputy Borough Clerk

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