

**Highlands Borough Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom, January 25, 2022– Special Meeting Minutes**

SPECIAL MEETING: 6:01PM - MEETING STATEMENT:

The Borough Clerk read the public meetings statement.

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, Two River Times, and by posting at The Borough of Highlands Municipal Building and filing with the Borough Clerk all on January 18, 2022. This agenda is complete to the extent known; no formal action will be taken at this Meeting. Council may limit repetitive comments and may limit the time or number of questions or comments from any one citizen to ensure an orderly meeting and allow adequate time for members of the public to be heard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Melnyk, Councilmember Olszewski, and Mayor Broullon were all Present.

Absent: Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Chelak

Also in attendance were Administrator Michael Muscillo, Borough Attorney Brian Chabarek, Esq., Jason Baldessari, Spohn Ranch Skate Parks, DPW Superintendent Spencer Carpenter, and Acting Municipal Clerk Nancy Tran

Prior to the discussion item, Councilmember Melnyk explained the Zoom webinar format, how it may appear to participants, and how participants can engage.

DISCUSSION ITEM: SNUG HARBOR SKATE PARK DESIGN

Mayor Broullon gave a brief introduction for Jason Baldessari.

Mr. Baldessari, from Spohn Ranch Skate Parks, stated that the design took into consideration items that were brought up at the last, December 6, 2022, meeting. He shared his screen and discussed the different aspects and features of the design. The revised design concept was based on information he received from DPW and Colliers. He stated that the goal remains to design something that everyone with different skill levels can use.

Councilmember Melnyk inquired about the drains and addressing potential backflow. Mr. Baldessari explained that he's collaborating with the engineers from Colliers regarding drainage and acquiring a CAFRA permit.

Mr. Baldessari stated that he will work with the town regarding cement color.

Council President asked for further explanation of the clam feature. Mr. Baldessari answered.

Mayor asked if the top of the "H" should be filled in like the bottom is. Mr. Baldessari replied that the bottom was filled in based on input from the last meeting but filling in the top would make it the same as other park design features. He then discussed his rationale for coping design.

Mayor opened public portion.

PUBLIC PORTION

Matt Scezerviensi, Middletown – Does not represent any group. Thought design looks great and asked about missing pump track. Mr. Baldessari replied that due to space available, pump track was not feasible. However, he's currently working on a pump track in Neptune.

Nathanael Burel, 44 Huddy Avenue – asked about width of platforms/decks and comparison of clam to Long Branch's skate park. Mr. Baldessari gave widths of various decks in design.

Samantha McCarthy, 57 Barberie Avenue – is blown away with design. Asked if open upper "H" was a safety concern and if adding a bar across is a consideration. Mr. Baldessari explained.

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Christian Richards, 52 Asbury Avenue, Atlantic Highlands – asked if there would be any more adjustments from presented design. Mr. Baldessari stated that it depends on tonight's feedback. He offered to share tonight's design with the public for further feedback with a deadline. Mr. Richards asked if back of clam could be 45 degrees and asked about the width of the side of the "H." After Mr. Baldessari answered, Mr. Richards asked if it should be 5 feet instead of 4. Mr. Richards expressed that boxes were checked from last meeting. Mr. Baldessari will tweak design and share with public for their feedback. Mayor confirmed that edited design will be shared for further feedback before final design.

Tim Hill, Orlando, FL – Congratulated Jason on design. Made suggestions for the drainage and noted that there's the possibility of back up from Jones Creek. He also suggested that heating or shading options be considered. Mayor explained that Mr. Hill was the Highlands Recreation Director for many years.

Ms. McCarthy, Highlands – Asked if "Highlands" could be written on back. Mr. Baldessari explained that it would require more maintenance.

Mr. Scezerbienski – asked about hubbas and if design would benefit in making it 25 degrees. He also asked if fun box ledge would cause wheels to lock up. Mr. Baldessari answered. Mr. Scezerbienski thanked everyone for this project as it builds culture and community.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor closed public portion.

Councilmember Melnyk thanked the public for participation, giving their feedback, and staying engaged. Council President Olszewski expressed her appreciation of the design as did Mayor. Mr. Baldessari stated that he will work on getting edited design out quickly for further public feedback.

ADJOURN:

Upon motion by Mayor Broullon, seconded by Council President Olszewski, motion carries to adjourn at 6:51PM.

All in Favor.

Approve: _____

Mayor Carolyn Broullon

Attest: _____

Nancy Tran, Acting Borough Clerk