

Robert Hermansen

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Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Matthew Neyland
Subject: Re: Open Space Use in Mahwah

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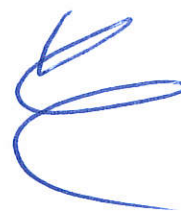
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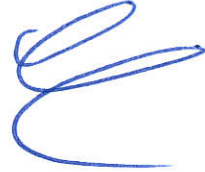
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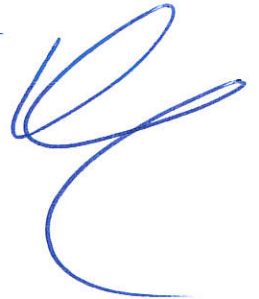
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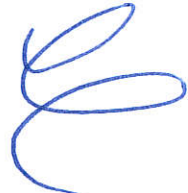
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Dear Mr. Wolf,

Thank you for the Environmental
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include this on the agenda for the next
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Sincerely,
Jonathan

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Jonathan,

As the Chairman of the
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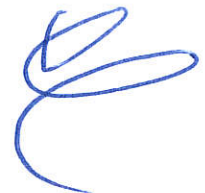
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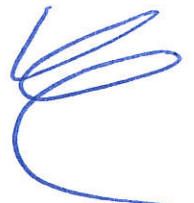
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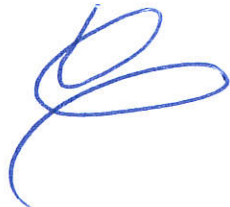
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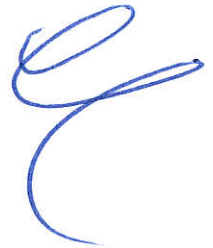
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The Environmental Commission believes this puts our open space and waterways at risk. Pollution and contamination from materials not properly disposed could have a negative effect on our water supply and wildlife. Local residents shy away from using our open space due to crowding and poor appearance. Based on my discussions with other communities and the Bergen County Director of Parks, our experiences are similar to several surrounding towns in Northern NJ (i.e. Ramsey, Saddle River, etc). Each has addressed this issue in different ways. We believe the Town Council can address this issue thru education, awareness and enforcement of local ordinances. In this regard, we recommend the Ordinance Committee consider drafting changes to our existing ordinances to:

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Education is a powerful tool, but we will also need to discuss any ordinance changes with our local Police to ensure compliance with appropriate levels of enforcement. The Environmental Commission believes the local parks should be open to all people to enjoy peacefully and we will work with the Ordinance Committee to address these concerns. Please let us know the proper process to ensure the Ordinance Committee can address this issue timely and present the Town Council with an appropriate recommendation for Ordinance changes.

Thank you
Rich

Rich Wolf
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Robert Hermansen

From: Quentin Wiest
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Robert Hermansen
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie; Jonathan Wong; William Laforet; James Wysocki; Janet Ariemma; George Ervin; Steve Sbarra; Kathy Coviello; David May
Subject: RE: Prosecutor Invitation to Meet

Sorry, thank you for the clarification.

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From: Robert Hermansen
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Quentin Wiest
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie; Jonathan Wong; William Laforet; James Wysocki; Janet Ariemma; George Ervin; Steve Sbarra; Kathy Coviello; David May
Subject: Re: Prosecutor Invitation to Meet

Not exactly what I said. What I said is that the Prosecutor may not want to meet in public as he is not supposed to be put in a political situation. Which he may have already done. I think the option should be given to him to come to the meeting or to the ordinance committee meeting, or we could meet in closed session. I am open to any potential solution.

Rob

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 3, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Quentin Wiest <QWiest@mahwahtwp.org> wrote:

Brian:

[REDACTED]

Regards,

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From: William Laforet
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 7:35 AM
To: Jonathan Wong; Robert Hermansen
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie
Subject: Parks Sign

A reminder, I continue to get requests / concerns over the use of our parks, (New Jersey Residents only)
Please make this your priority, Thanks Bill

Mayor Bill Laforet



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Robert Hermansen

From: David May
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:38 PM
To: Jonathan Wong
Cc: Robert Hermansen; James Wysocki
Subject: Re: Ordinance Committee

Thank you!

David May
Councilman
Township of Mahwah
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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:28 PM
To: David May
Cc: Robert Hermansen; James Wysocki
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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:22 AM
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Subject: Ordinance Committee

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Robert Hermansen

From: Jonathan Wong
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Robert Hermansen
Subject: Fwd: Ordinance allowing only NJ Residents in parks.
Attachments: image001.jpg; image004.png; image002.jpg; image003.jpg

Hi Rob,

Please see below the email the Mayor sent to me regarding authorization to put signs in the parks. I agree that we cannot have an ordinance which the Council and Committee has not had time to discuss or review.

Thanks,
Jonathan

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jonathan Wong <JWong@mahwahtwp.org>
Date: May 9, 2017 at 11:44:12 AM EDT
To: William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org>
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ordinance allowing only NJ Residents in parks.

I will put it on the agenda for the next ordinance committee meeting.

Jonathan

On May 9, 2017, at 11:08 AM, William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org> wrote:

Jonathan, Brian, we spoke about an ordinance which would allow Administration authorization to post "New Jersey Residents Only" sign for all of our parks. Will you approve this ordinance so I can get these signs posted.
Thanks Bill

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Robert Hermansen

From: Robert Hermansen
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:40 PM
To: William Laforet
Cc: Quentin Wiest; Brian Chewcaskie; Jonathan Wong
Subject: Re: Agenda Mtg

I can understand the signs but trying to do an ordinance do not know if it can or will be done. It should be out in the agenda for discussion only.

Sent from my iPad

On May 10, 2017, at 12:33 PM, William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org> wrote:

We are checking, will let you know.

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Robert Hermansen

From: Jonathan Wong
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Robert Hermansen; James Wysocki
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie; Mike Kelly
Subject: Mahwah Ordinance Committee Agenda 04.13.17
Attachments: 04.13.17 Ordinance Committee Agenda.pdf

Hi all,

Please see attached the tentative agenda for the Ordinance Committee on April 13, 2017. We will be meeting in Conference Room 311 at 5:00 pm.

Thank you,
Jonathan

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017**

Conference Room 311 — Richard J. Martel Municipal Center
475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey

5:00PM

I. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL:

_____ Hermansen; _____ Wong; _____ Wysocki

II. ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW:

a) Unregulated Pipeline Ordinance

Review proposed ordinance by the Municipal Pipeline Group. This proposed ordinance will be adopted by all municipalities within the organization.

The proposed ordinance would amend our current ordinance in §24-4.3(b).

b) Wellhead Protection Ordinance

Review proposed ordinance with Township Attorney and Engineer.

Review re-examination report which will be adopted by the Planning Board (Apr. 24, 2017) and all other documents with Township Attorney and Engineer.

Review suggested changes by the Township Attorney to the proposed language.

The proposed ordinance would create a new section in §24-19.

c) Anti-Nepotism Ordinance

Review proposed ordinance with Township Attorney.

The proposed ordinance would create a new section in §19-4.

III. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Environmental Commission's Recommendations

The Environmental Commission is recommending the Ordinance Committee consider drafting changes to our existing ordinances to:

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2. Require permits for use of parks for groups of ten or more. The permit will clearly state the clean-up requirements, penalties for violations, and prevent large groups from taking over an area.
3. Consider assigning priority to Mahwah residents for permits and parking privileges to encourage local usage of parks and open space.

b) Council Liaison to the Mahwah Library Board of Trustees

Discuss establishing a Council Liaison to Mahwah Library Board of Trustees.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

V. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Administrative Code Revision Update

Resolution #214-16: Authorization for Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Execute Agreement between Township of Mahwah and Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq. of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC (Aug. 18, 2016).

b) 2016 Board of Adjustments Annual Report

VI. ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Robert Hermansen

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:33 AM
To: Richard Wolf; Janet Ariemma; Robert Hermansen; William Laforet; environmental
Cc: Jonathan Wong; George Ervin; David May; Steve Sbarra; James Wysocki
Subject: Mahwah Parks
Attachments: Park 001.jpg

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Greetings,

My wife and I recently attended the Mahwah Environmental meeting and the Township Council meeting on March 8th and 9th respectively.

We addressed our concerns with regard to the deteriorating condition of our parks due to the increase of non-Mahwah residents constantly visiting and leaving the parks in disarray.

Some of the things we have witnessed are:

- grilling in the parks
- dumping hot coals in Silver Creek pond and winters pond
- overflow of garbage from the excessive amount of food that is brought in
- dirty diapers
- wading in the Silver Creek Pond
- illegally parking where it says; Permit Only next to Winters Pond
- Bus loads of non-residents dropped off at Silver Creek Pond and Winters Pond
- Rollerblading and biking in the gazebo and on the name engraved pavers at Winters Pond

We used to bring our daughter to these parks years ago, and we never witnessed anything like this. We inquired about making the parks for "Mahwah residents only" only to have it pointed out to us that some of the parks benefited from Green Acres funding which allow the parks open to the public. I mentioned that Ramsey and Upper Saddle River faced the same issue and they established guidelines for eliminating this problem such as permits for parking and for groups of 10 or more. Mahwah needs to establish signs in the parks for the following: **No grilling, Groups of 10 or more require a permit, Carry in Carry out, No feeding ducks/wildlife. New signs are needed for the commuter parking entrance for the "Permit Parking Only".**

I also mentioned that Continental Solders Park has workout/ equipment area recently installed and I witnessed very young children (non residents) climbing all over the equipment. A sign would be needed for that area as well. We also mentioned establishing more stringent guidelines for people visiting the parks. The bottom line is the non-residents are disrespecting our parks and Mahwah signs and laws are desperately needed to protect our parks from non residents using them as restaurants and catering halls free to do whatever they want.

Can you please tell me if there has been any progress on this issue.

Has anyone reached out to Ramsey and Saddle River to see how they have dealt with the problem.

Mahwah has some of the most beautiful parks in the county, unfortunately the word is getting out and I fear that our parks at some point in the future will no longer be the pride of Bergen County. I have also attached a article from the Bergen Record 2/28/17.

Sincerely,

Tony Lamanna

Green Acres grants eyed for parks, but some towns shy away

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STAFF WRITER

While towns across Bergen, Hudson and Passaic counties have filed applications for 2017 Green Acres grants, for ball fields to boat ramps, a handful of towns of nearly two dozen surveyed said they're not applying.

Applications are coming in for a variety of projects to get the Garden State's residents outside and active. Since its creation in 1961, Green Acres has protected more than 650,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of recreational opportunities for a wide range of activities, including natural areas to enjoy wildlife, city parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, boat ramps, docks, fishing piers and environmental education.

"We're getting applications for a mix of local passive and active recreation park improvements and expansions, open space acquisitions, natural lands stewardship, and waterfront walkways and access enhancements," press officer Larry Hajna, Department of Environmental Protection.

Franklin Lakes, Wood-Ridge parks

In Bergen County, Franklin Lakes hopes to get approximately \$950,000 to put toward the purchase of a 12.2 acre parcel just off of Blue Hill Terrace to extend Old Mill Woodlands. The purchase contract is for \$2.4 million. "Part of the property is located adjacent to a historic home, and is owned by Blue Hill Terrace, LLC, so they're selling off the 12.2 acre parcel. We can use it to extend an existing trail, which is a wonderful project. I'm optimistic," said Borough Administrator Gregory Hart.

Wood-Ridge is applying for \$2.5 million to buy a 12-acre parcel at Johnson Drive owned by Somerset Developers at the Wesmont Station for ball fields, playground and walking paths. The borough has an agreement with the developer and wants to swap an eight-acre tract of land the town owns on site for the 12

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acres. The larger parcel is worth approximately \$10 million, and the difference in the exchange would amount to \$2.5 million. The 12-acre property contains a dilapidated warehouse.

"The 12 acres will provide extra space for more amenities, a second standalone baseball field, some walking paths, playgrounds and more open space. Plus we're removing an eyesore," said Borough Administrator Chris Eilert.

North Arlington spray park

A spray park is on North Arlington's wish list, with the borough banking last year's \$50,000 Green Acres funding and applying for \$100,000 this year. The cost is approximately \$175,000, and would be located along the Passaic River by the firehouse on River Road, said Mayor Joseph Bianchi. "Kids can cool off and parents can relax. You can turn your head and talk to your neighbor. It's not like a pool where you have to watch your kids constantly and worry about someone drowning," he said.

Bergenfield, New Milford, Rutherford, Garfield ballfields

Artificial turf projects are in demand to keep up with teams' sports demands. Bergenfield applied for a \$650,809 grant, and \$1,952,247 loan for the \$2,603,237 artificial turf project at Viven Field. New Milford applied for a \$671,250 grant, and \$2,013,750 loan for the \$2,685,000 turf field project at Kennedy Field.

Rutherford applied for a \$148,000 grant for improvements at Memorial Field, including lighting for diamonds five and six. "The lighting helps extend the usability of the field because games

can be played at night," said Executive Secretary Rose Iguanti.

Seeking to complete a \$6.5 million renovation of the city's athletic complex at the high school, Garfield wants to expand football and soccer fields and add artificial turf, and add a track field around the complex. "It has been almost 15 years with no home track meets in Garfield," said City Manager Thomas Duch. "The softball field is a mess, the baseball field a disaster, and those fields would get new drainage systems. The grant money will also go towards pathways with LED lighting, courtyards and basketball courts. Right now the athletic complex is outdated and outmoded."

North Bergen recreation

In Hudson County, North Bergen applied for \$1.2 million to improve the 64th Street fields, with new turf on baseball and softball fields, a perimeter fence, dugouts, bullpens, scoreboard, handicap-accessible bleachers, in-ground garbage bins, batter's cage, stairs or ramp from rear parking lot to the field, handicap-accessible playground, a dog run, and an added equipment storage facility to the recreation building.

Towns not applying

Taxpayers in Lyndhurst had mixed reactions when the township used Green Acres funding to add basketball boards to a Delafield Avenue court and build a water spray park. Commissioner Thomas DiMaggio said about why the town is not applying this year. A caveat of Green Acres funding is that the parks be open to all residents in New Jersey.

"As soon as we put up new backboards [on the courts], parents complained that their kids couldn't play basketball. You pass by the courts now and it's always packed. The biggest complaints are about out-of-towners," DiMaggio said.

Paramus, Hawthorne, Wallington and Hasbrouck Heights did not apply, and Emerson did not qualify for grants. Oradell passed on an application until it hires a grant writer, officials said.

Robert Hermansen

From: Robert Hermansen
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Brian Chewcaskie
Cc: Kathy Coviello; William Laforet; Quentin Wiest
Subject: Re: Police Chief Duties Ordinance

Brian please call me

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 6, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Brian Chewcaskie <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Revised PD ordinance.

Brian M. Chewcaskie, Esq. | Gittleman, Muhlstock, Chewcaskie, L.L.P.

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area? Please think about why you are doing this – Individuals in political positions should care most about the people they are representing and make the residents of their town proud to live there.

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Robert Hermansen

From: Robert Hermansen
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 10:54 PM
To: Truglio, Judith
Cc: William Laforet; Jonathan Wong; Janet Ariemma; George Ervin; David May; Steve Sbarra; jwysocki@mahwahtwo.org
Subject: Re: Police Director

Thank you for your opinion, I will not discuss personnel matters. I am sorry that you have issues with comments made by the Council about the Mayor. All I will say is that I have done my best to work with the Mayor this year. The Mayor stated this was the best budget meetings, and the easiest council he has worked with, in the 5 years he has been the mayor. I believe it is in the best interest on the town and for the people to look at all alternatives to help run the town. No one has anything negative about our men and women in our police department, in fact quite the opposite. Let me assure you this has nothing to do with politics. Thank you for expressing your opinion.

Robert Hermansen

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 7, 2017, at 8:46 AM, Truglio, Judith [REDACTED] wrote:

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Dear Mr. Hermansen and Town Council Members

My husband and I moved our family which at the time consisted of three young children to Mahwah approximately fifteen years ago because of the reputation of the town. I was shocked, troubled and embarrassed when I read the article in The Patch regarding creating the position of a Police Director. I have thought about it for days and still cannot justify in my mind why this position is needed. I have sent my kids through the public school system and have seen the dedication and community involvement of the Mahwah Police Department. They are always there for the kids through the good and bad times. My son who is a recent graduate of Mahwah High School is part of a group of twenty close friends and I have never heard any one of them say anything negative regarding the police department. In fact, they always talk about all the things the police department has taught them. The police department spends countless hours running programs which educate both parents and children on internet safety, substance abuse, and countless other programs. The kids in town respect all the officers. Our town has an accredited police department and is considered one of the safest towns in New Jersey which makes other young families want to move here.

I have spoken to friends in other towns and learned that their towns do not have a Police Director. When questioned why Mahwah would consider having one, the only response I could come up with was that it was personal and political. The comments that are made about the police department and mayor from the council are an absolute embarrassment to the taxpayers of this town. And I can only imagine how much more embarrassing it will get over the next few months. If the taxpayer's are ultimately paying for this position, then why aren't we approving it. It seems that our money is being thrown away - it can be used for so many more things in the schools or towns to make it even better.

I hope all of your will listen to the residents of Mahwah and realize how unnecessary this position is. How can we have a police director who is not even a sworn officer and has no experience in this