

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamilton at approximately 7:00 P.M. with the opening statement that the meeting had been duly advertised and met all the requirements of the Sunshine Law. Also present were: Deputy Mayor Kula, Councilman Miller, Councilman Cicerale, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau of Dorsey & Semrau. Councilman Verrilli was absent from this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Presentation – Eagle Scout Project – Ryan Kostelnik

Ryan Kostelnik, Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 90, presented his idea for his Eagle Scout Project that he would like to do at Wheatsworth Park to the Council. Ryan stated that he would like to put together a map of the overhead view of the park, complete with field numbers and trails. He stated that the map would be encased in a wooden structure with a plexi-glass like material over it. Township Council all agreed that Ryan's idea would be beneficial to sports teams and residents who frequent the field. Township Manager stated that she will put Ryan in touch with the Director of Public Works and the Township Engineer to proceed with the project.

B. Tax Appeals

Township Manager stated that a minimal amount of tax appeals were received by the Township.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Cicerale asked if there has been any progress with regard to the demolition of the house on Shauger Terrace that was involved in the structure fire in January. He stated that the structure is a hazard to the public. Township Manager stated that according to the Construction Department, the mortgage company has pulled a permit to demolish the structure, but the work has not yet begun. She stated that she will have the Construction Official reach out to the mortgage company again to check on the status of the demolition.

Councilman Cicerale also inquired as to why the three newer homes on Wheatsworth Road near the municipal building do not have cable access. He stated that according to the residents, they just have minimal internet service through Century Link. Township Attorney stated that he will take a look at the franchise agreement with Service Electric Cable TV to see if it should be provided to them per the franchise agreement.

Councilman Kula wanted to thank all that were involved in the hike through Sparta Mountain to see first-hand what was being done by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection with the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area Proposed Forest Stewardship Plan.

Councilman Miller inquired as to whether schools have lead testing requirements for their water. Township Manager stated that she will check with the Construction Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT (in accordance with P.L. 2002, c.80): A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. Residents Alana Steib and Bob Califano thanked the Council for their involvement in the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area Proposed Forest Stewardship Plan in an effort to save Sparta Mountain.

Resident Marty Schweighardt asked where the water comes from that is supplied to the Crystal Springs Development. Councilman Cicerale said that it is public water from the water tower and it is supplied by the Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

Beaver Lake resident Susan Dorward also wanted to thank the Council for their involvement in the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area Proposed Forest Stewardship Plan in an effort to save Sparta Mountain. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 7:55 p.m., a motion was made by Miller to adjourn seconded by Cicerale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk