

**The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.**

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order.

Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – present  
Councilman Camilleri – present  
Councilwoman D’Arminio - present  
Councilman Accomando - absent  
Council President Mazzer – present

Mayor White – present  
Mr. Steve Wielkocz, Twp. Auditor – present  
Ray Carnevale, CFO – present

Council President Mazzer asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag.

Council President Mazzer announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members by police messenger on April 24, 2015 and to all legal newspapers in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Township Clerk announced that the public is hereby advised that any statements made during the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook may not be privileged or protected and that persons or entities who take issue with such comments or are offended by same, may, and have in the past, sought legal redress through the courts.

Any member of the public who addresses the Council speaks for themselves and not for the Council.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca                      Second: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

Hearing no one, Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

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Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for a public hearing on the budget.

Motion: Councilman Camilleri                      Second: Councilman Accomando

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

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Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

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Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor White said he was waiting for Joe Setticase who was stuck in traffic. He would be coming in to talk about the field. Mayor White said he would talk about regulation and guidelines and added I think he needs to get together with the commissioners, and we will give him the basics that we received from the Field Turf Company and Landtek. Let them get together and come up with hours of use.

Councilman Camilleri said he thought in our best interest it might be best to have someone from the mayor and council there. Mayor White said he was going to suggest Councilman Camilleri. Councilman Camilleri said he would gladly go, but even things that have happened with recreation not being on the same page.

Mayor White said, I think it's the recreation director's job to really pull this together. Councilman Camilleri said absolutely, but we have to set the guidelines. Councilman Cimiluca said we have to tell the commissioners to tell their coaches to have everyone not behave like animals and clean up after yourself. Councilman Accomando asked about the code of conduct. Councilman Camilleri said we have one for recreation as well, a code of conduct. Councilman Cimiluca said I think we tossed somebody because of the code of conduct. Councilman Camilleri said there have been a few and discussed some incidents that had occurred.

Mayor White said the big thing is hours of use are important. Councilman Camilleri asked if we wanted to iron it out now or just wait until we get to the resolutions. Council President Mazzer suggested doing the budget. Councilman Cimiluca said mainly it's a budget thing, and Mr. Weilkotz and Mr. Carnevale are here so...

Mr. Lo Dico asked Mr. Weilkotz to go over the amendment to the budget.

Mr. Weilkotz said he and Mr. Carnevale had been going back and forth with the state on their comments about the financial statement and the budget. He said we satisfied them with the backup and all the things that they needed, and the one thing that came to light during the budget review was interest on notes in the water utility was not the right number. The final financial statement that we got, I think the same day that we introduced the budget, had a different number than some of the preliminary sheets that were sent to Ray and I to use to put the budget together. So we have to increase the interest on those from \$2668 to \$6800. Unfortunately, what the law says is, if you change any appropriations by more than 10% you have to have a public advertisement and a hearing on the amendment.

Mr. Lo Dico added that the hearing is just on the amendment.

Mr. Weilkotz said we scheduled the advertisement next Thursday and the hearing of the amendment and the adoption of the budget on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Not going to do anything with the tax bills. The County hasn't even introduced – the County Executive has given the budget to the freeholders. They're having their hearings so the freeholders haven't even introduced the county budget yet. I know you have a special meeting, unfortunately when you have your special meeting I'm going to be out of town. Mr. Lo Dico said we might if we have the plans. Mr. Weilkotz said I would rather be here myself for the hearing on the amendment and the adoption of the budget. It's not going to hurt the tax bill because until the County adopts their budget they won't be able to strike rates and what have you. The other adjustment in the amendment is since we had to amend the budget we are just re-allocating

state aid between the [COMTRA] and the energy receipts tax. The numbers we used in the introduced budget were last year's numbers. The total doesn't change, only the allocation changes. If we didn't have to amend the budget for something else the State would have just made manual changes on the budget document and sent back a copy, so that's all there is. I think Ray did pretty good this year.

Council President Mazzer asked if there were any questions for Mr. Carnevale, and Councilman Cimiluca asked Mr. Carnevale how he felt. Mr. Carnevale said great.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET**

**CR# 515-145**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2015 was approved on April 2, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2015 be made:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
CURRENT FUND		
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
3. Miscellaneous revenues – Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations		
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	41,749.00	20,246.00
Energy Receipts Tax	1,398,418.00	1,419,921.00
10. DEDICATED REVENUES FROM WATER UTILITY		
Rents	2,490,800.00	2,494,932.00
Total Water Utility Revenues	2,501,800.00	2,505,932.00
11. APPROPRIATIONS FOR WATER UTILITY		
Debt Service		
Interest on Notes	2,668.00	6,800.00
Total Water Utility Appropriations	2,501,800.00	2,505,932.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that three certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the Fiscal Year 2015 Local Municipal Budget so amended; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, be published in the Our Town, in the issue of May 21, 2015, and that said publication contain notification of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building on June 4, 2015, at 7 o'clock p.m.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

Councilman Cimiluca said, I said this the last four years, and I will say it again. I personally feel that we have most of our grief from the public based on recreation, and I think that it's a spot that in this town, which is children oriented and also seniors, that we need a full time rec director. I am not a big fan. I know it's in the budget. I'm not a big fan of grant writers because everybody that I have spoken to in government that has had grant writers don't have them anymore because they come in like bombshells, and they do all this stuff, and then they kind of fade out or fizzle out. If I had my druthers, I would put money for the grant writer into a rec director and advertise and come up with a job description. That person would also take over – I don't know how the volunteer rec directors do it because it's crazy. They get calls all the time from people, "My kid is on the B team, my daughter is on the second line and should be on the first line," and stuff like that. The coach looked at me wrong. It's just crazy how they can fit that into their schedule when they have another job. That's my thought. Anna Belli lives in town here, but she is the Lodi rec director, and she's been doing it for 100 years, and she said she had absolutely no problem giving us guidance as to what needs to be done. I remember as a kid, bus trips to Yankee Stadium and Shea Stadium, going to plays in New York and things like that. I think that if you had somebody that was designated to do that besides just – it's a hard enough job just to schedule everything. That's crazy how much time goes into scheduling. I really think it's time that we tried to bring it up. I have brought it up that last four years or six years. I see that we have most of our issues involving recreation, most of our big issues. We went to court. How many court cases did we have last year? Physical altercations, suing each other civilly, criminal complaints, cross complaints. And that costs money, but it also takes away from what we're supposed to be doing, giving the kids and everybody of all ages things to do here in Saddle Brook. I think we have something like that it can draw more people. Once you develop – people will hear about it. Saddle Brook has a good system for recreation. We had one of our guys – Mr. Mucci came up here a couple of years, and he kept talking about summer programs for kids and how in Hasbrouck Heights they have that and we don't have that. He moved back to Hasbrouck Heights. Councilman Camilleri said I guess his roots really weren't here.

Mayor White said through the chair that he agreed with Councilman Cimiluca. He said I would like to see that. I don't know about this year. I don't know about replacing the grant writer. We're going to put out RFQs and I would like to see them come and give their spiel. Hopefully we will get a few that show interest and we will have them come in and sell themselves and see what they have to offer.

Councilman Cimiluca suggested we talk to other people and see how they fared with a grant writer and whether or not it's a set thing or whether it's on a percentage basis of what they get us and how much help it's going to be. Mayor White said I think it's a set fee. I don't think they're allowed to do it by percentage. We will let them give their proposal and see what they have to offer, and we can make a decision from there.

Councilman Camilleri said getting back to the full time rec commissioner, Andrew I don't think you are far off the mark. What kind of salary? Do you have a salary in mind for that position? Councilman Cimiluca said some of these people have been doing it for 30 years, but I would think there are people that actually go to school and have degrees in that and I would think the starting salary – I was thinking \$40-\$45,000. Councilman Camilleri said it seems reasonable. The only thing else, I would almost bet on it, even if we went with a full time recreation commissioner, we paid them the salary, you're still going to have the same problems you have today with the things that you said. "My kids' on the B team, my girls should be on the

front line.” You’re not going to resolve that issue, and you’re always going to have the people that are very hard to deal with whether you pay somebody to do it or you have our system that we have in place. You’re not going to alleviate that problem.

Councilman Cimiluca said I think the difference is – and I got yelled at after a meeting for saying I think it should be someone who doesn’t live in the town – because I don’t think – Councilman Camilleri said doesn’t that go back to discrimination? You want to put out an application, but if you live in Saddle Brook don’t put your name on it? Councilman Cimiluca said I think it’s better if they don’t have any history with people in town because sometimes it’s a good history and you get the accusation of playing favorites, and sometimes it’s a bad history and somebody says you’re discriminating against them because you had bad blood and ten years ago your kid and my kid had a fist fight and you’ve always had it out for me. Councilman Camilleri said you could weed that out in the interview process. Councilman Cimiluca said you could. I don’t think there’s a prohibition. Councilman Camilleri said that’s a double-edged sword too. Take someone from another town that knows nothing about Saddle Brook. He or she comes in with all their ideas from the town they’re in, different than our town.

Councilman Cimiluca said there’s always going to be problems.

Councilwoman D’Arminio said when we were campaigning, remember that young man submitted a résumé actually to become rec director. He lives in town. Do you recall? He lived on one of the tree streets. A nice young man. I think he was rec director in Elmwood Park. Or he grew up in Elmwood Park. He was the director somewhere. He was in his 40s. The point being, he was being paid in the town he worked in - \$85,000. Councilman Camilleri said that’s a big number.

Mayor White said the guy from Hasbrouck Heights is getting about \$90, but he started out - he’s been there a long time - he started out a lot lower.

Councilman Cimiluca said our people have done a good job and as good as they can possibly do with their time constraints. They have other things to worry about. But if somebody’s job and financial security is dependent on how they perform, I think maybe that’s a little different. Right now, if you’re a volunteer, you get beat up by some of the parents. You think, oh jeez, what am I going to do? But here, if you don’t perform, you don’t pay your mortgage and you get canned, so I think there’s a little bit hanging over their head, a little more at stake than that’s their job. Councilman Cimiluca discussed his son’s experience with college coaches. He said this isn’t high school where if the coach gets fired nothing really bad is going to happen to him.

Councilman Camilleri said I have seen a lot of rec commissioners come and go in my years that I’ve been part of recreation in Saddle Brook, and I’ve seen a lot of them. My point is, who sets the guidelines for the rec commissioner? I kind of like when they do show up at the recreation games. It shows someone taking interest. There was only two in all my tenure that I’ve ever seen at recreation games, so I’m seeing this person at a set salary. He’s going to say, what are my hours? Do I have to stay at the football field until 10 o’clock at night to watch the peewees the juniors and seniors? Councilman Cimiluca said probably not. There are limitations but if the person wants the job and likes that job and thinks he can do a good job – Councilman Camilleri said, I’ve seen the good, the bad and the ugly.

Mayor White said he would be interested in the summer programs. They don’t want to do it anymore. He said he would love to see the town take it over, but do you know the kind of work that’s involved in that? You can’t count on a rec director that’s a stipend position where he’s got a full time job and he’s doing this part-time. You certainly can’t count on volunteers. There’s an awful lot of work. More work than any of us here know. Someone said volunteers are necessary. Councilman Camilleri said there are a lot of guidelines to set up before taking that step. I’m not saying it might not be a good one, but there’s an awful lot of guidelines to set up, and I would still be willing to bet it’s not going to solve the problem of the unhappy parent. Mayor White said you could be perfect and people are going to complain. Councilman Cimiluca said it doesn’t solve the problem, but the buck stops there.

Councilman Camilleri said it could still go to a lawsuit. Councilman Cimiluca said it certainly could, but I think what happens is, instead of the part-time guy going to somebody and say your job is whatever, that's your real job, and I've got an issue and I'm going to go beyond you. I don't think they get the respect that they deserve because it's a hard job. They really get shot down a lot by some people because some people act like animals.

Councilman Accomando noted there was no junior football team. All those kids are gone. Councilman Camilleri said the demise of a lot of that. Councilman Accomando said the person started his own football team, and Councilman Camilleri said they solicit Saddle Brook players. He spoke about why the junior numbers fell off to begin with. He went on to say we have a lot of recreation in this town, and personally I think we have too much because we're not Ridgewood, we're not Wayne, we're not these big, group 4 towns with a lot of population. We're little Saddle Brook. We can only support so much. Once you start supporting all kinds of other things, you take from other sports, and the numbers drop. I've seen it. That's what has happened in this town.

Councilman Cimiluca said if you have fifty potential sports out there and a town with only so many kids in it. If you say we're going to have a box car derby team and you get only two kids, but you've got to spend money doing it – we can't have everything. Sometimes it's too spread out. Councilman Camilleri said I don't like to point the finger at the Board of Ed, but there's sports in our high school that we can't support either and there – we spend a lot of money trying to support them and it's not happening. Councilman Cimiluca said, but then if you don't do it it will come back to haunt you. Councilman Camilleri said when I was in high school we had everything, we had golf, we had everything. He spoke about when they were talking about doing away with wrestling and said how do you do away with a sport that has been a mainstay for fifty years and then take on another one?

There was some discussion of Glen Rock wrestling.

Councilman Camilleri said he had a passion for football, but it has changed, and you will get a couple of people who will sabotage it. If they're happy about doing that, more power to them, but you're supposed to live here and support your town, not tear it apart. Look what we just spent on a football field, and then you say you don't have the kids to support it, terrific.

Councilman Cimiluca talked about the fence that goes around and asked if anyone had checked to see if that interferes with little kids' soccer field. Councilman Camilleri said he discussed that, and you're just going to get one fence on one side. We're going to do what the high school does, keep the bleachers on one side so no one even has to go to the far side of the field. Then we just have to get one row of fencing, about 100 yards of fencing. We leave a ten-yard opening at each side and one in the middle.

Councilman Cimiluca discussed the distance that was needed, and Councilman Cimiluca said we have that.

Councilman Camilleri mentioned he wanted to get the defibrillators. He said everything slips through the cracks, but the problem there is where do we keep them? They have to be charged. Councilman Cimiluca said someone has to be trained, and Councilman Camilleri said as far as he heard about them, they are very easy to use. Councilman Accomando said they are self-explanatory. Council President Mazzer said it walks you right through it.

Councilman Accomando said people were asking him if we were going to have club teams play on Veterans' Field as far as baseball. He said, I'm telling them no because it's a township field. It's for our kids and our kids only.

Councilman Cimiluca said in the beginning I would say you have to see how the scheduling works out because I wouldn't say yeah, and then you have no room for the regular rec people to play. He mentioned having concerts there and he was told, the field is brand new and to let everyone settle in before having concerts there. Let everyone get acclimated to it, maybe next year we'll talk about it, but I

think as soon as you have something open, a hundred people want to use it for a thousand different things.

Council President Mazzer said she was more contemplating the county park because they have the pavilion there. Councilwoman D'Arminio said we were looking at the high school field instead of the park only because the fee that the park is charging.

Council President Mazzer invited Mr. Joe Setticase to speak at this time. Mr. Setticase said he called surrounding towns speaking to rec directors and most towns are keeping the field open, they are not locking it up. They're all experiencing some vandalism, not anything major, but they have signs posted. Still, they will find full blown soccer games going on with referees and everything with the signs posted.

Councilman Accomando asked if the fields that are open have tracks around them, and Mr. Setticase said a few of them do. He said turf is normally on school fields; we're one of the few that it's municipal property. It's almost like we might want to take a slow approach, maybe leave it open, and if we run into problems. Councilman Accomando said I could see leaving it open if we had a track so people could walk around it, but maybe we can take baby steps. Leave it open and see what happens.

Councilman Camilleri said he was for leaving it open like the park does, from dusk until dawn then a half hour after sunset it closes, only just say a dad and son that wants to have a catch with a baseball, they can go there, but I would be 100% against – I don't know what goes on at Smith Field. I see almost professional soccer games. Someone said they get permits from the school. Councilman Camilleri said he was not for that and didn't want to see that happen to this field. Club teams come in and you go there and there's a game going on. No, that's wrong. It's for our town. Or on a trial basis leaving it open so if a dad with a son or a mom and a daughter want to out there with a baseball or kick a soccer ball. I think that it should be. Councilman Accomando said no golf games. Councilman Camilleri said exactly. We want to work on a sign for that. We want to lay down the law.

Councilman Cimiluca said there were cutouts or lines painted where they are going to do the asphalt so although it's not a track track, it is technically a walking track which is originally what was said when it first opened that there would be a walking track and that never came out. They have to pave it. Councilman Camilleri said if you're on that track you can't get on the field. Councilman Cimiluca said there was a fence. Councilman Accomando asked if there was money in the budget for surveillance cameras. Councilman Camilleri said we were all talking about that. He said he thought we should put something.

Mr. Setticase said he didn't think the sign would help. Councilwoman D'Arminio said if they don't read it. Mayor White said we can also make an ordinance. Council President Mazzer said I think we need to. Councilman Camilleri said if someone did vandalize it, you can go to the camera and see who did it. Councilman Cimiluca cited an ordinance passed in San Francisco that you can't chew tobacco on the field. It was a fine, but it was an ejection, so if they saw you doing that, you're out. They were talking about it because it technically would apply to the players. They are working out the kinks but that's something that if you do have the ordinance that it not only would be a fine but an ejection.

Mayor White said we have to check into the sunflower seeds. Councilman Camilleri said he had in his notes that Perry DiPiazza who sold us the turf was not against them and we do have the sweeper. The day we were there, the guy said that's what it's for to sweep up sunflower seeds, bottle caps. Mayor White said they're going to have to be doing that after every game.

There was discussion of the equipment used to groom the field and Councilman Camilleri said that one is to groom it, and there's a smaller one to sweep up garbage that's left on the field.

Councilman Camilleri talked about food and drinks on the field with the snack bar there. He said it's going to happen. It's just like at the high school gym – we're not supposed to let people in there with coffee and they're still in there. When a tournament is over it looks like a war zone of food. Councilman Cimiluca said and there's security there.

Mr. Setticase asked what about security on the weekends, and Mr. Lo Dico said that's your job. Mr. Setticase said that's when your biggest crowd comes on the weekend. He said on a Saturday night there's a football game and somebody walks their dog onto the turf, who is going to approach him? Councilman Camilleri said the Special. Mayor White said football always has a special.

More discussion of surveillance cameras followed, and Mr. Setticase said he could contact the firm in Elmwood Park and see if they could come in to talk to the Council. Mayor White mentioned Global ProTech, the company that did SBC-TV. He said they have ones that zoom in. Council President Mazzer said to definitely look into that.

Councilman Cimiluca mentioned the lightning detection system and suggested asking the professionals if it's better up high. If we're going to be building a two-story snack stand/storage area/bathroom facility maybe that would be the place to put it. Ask them if higher is better. Discussion of how the lightning detection system worked followed.

Councilman Camilleri said he thought it was great because you're not guessing. Mayor White asked how long you have to wait before you go back on the field and Councilman Camilleri said 30 minutes. He said it was there, but he didn't know where it was being installed. Councilman Cimiluca said it could be on top of the garage, but the roof of the new facility will be higher than the garage. We have to talk to the manufacturer. Mayor White asked if they were usually on the ground, and Councilman Camilleri said the ones he had seen were on the ground. Councilman Cimiluca said on the golf course it sits on a pole; they're not very high.

Councilman Camilleri said we have to have our professional figure out the best place to put it.

Council President Mazzer asked about the scheduling, and Mr. Setticase said he had the schedule set for all the sports Monday through Sunday; it's all laid out. He said he would e-mail Mr. Lo Dico who could give the Council copies so if they wanted to come watch a game just come down. He said it's utilized seven days a week.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked what time it closes, what time do the games end. Mr. Setticase said he still had to find out, and he was assuming 10 o'clock. Councilwoman D'Arminio asked if after 10 o'clock we should lock it until the morning. And Mr. Setticase said yes, overnight it has to be locked. Councilman Camilleri said he was thinking dusk to dawn, I don't want to leave it open at night. Everyone agreed. Councilwoman D'Arminio said then you'll get the kids hanging out. Councilman Camilleri said I don't want to sound prejudiced but it's for our town. I don't think Lodi has done anything and invited Saddle Brook kids there or Elmwood Park and we have that problem at the high school basketball courts because I live there. There's a lot of kids that come there and play basketball that do not live in Saddle Brook.

Councilman Camilleri asked about the signs. Councilman Accomando asked about the extra materials, and Councilman Cimiluca said they were gone. Councilman Accomando asked if we get a credit for that. Councilman Camilleri said maybe we are entitled to a little reduction.

Mr. Setticase asked if we had agreed it would just be rec teams, no club teams out of town. He was told yes, and he said that was the message he told the commissioners.

Council President Mazzer asked when the first game was, and Mr. Setticase said he would think Friday night, girls' lacrosse would be the first game, this Friday.

Councilman Camilleri asked about where all the stuff that's on the field was going to be stored. Mayor White said you have to meet with the commissioners. Councilman Camilleri expressed concern about the nets being a hazard. He said during this season where there is baseball and softball all that stuff should be kept out of the field just for safety. After this season ends, you go into fall season, football, soccer, that's different, then you have places you can keep stuff on the field.

Mr. Setticas said he sent an e-mail out to everyone before Friday and let them know about those goals. He asked if anyone had gone down tonight and where the soccer goals were. Councilman Camilleri said they are at the scorers' box. They are to the right of the press box. More discussion of the location and storage of the goals followed.

Mayor White said he would ask the police department to lock the gate and open it. He said the main gate.

Discussion of the signs followed. Councilman Cimiluca said we passed the smoke-free ordinance so they gave us the signs. Councilman Camilleri said the sign on top, permit only, might keep club teams off it. Councilman Cimiluca said as soon as somebody sees that sign they're going to come to town hall and say, how do I get a permit? And we're going to say there's no application for a permit because we don't give them. Mayor White suggested authorized use only. Councilman Accomando suggested Saddle Brook residents only. Mayor White suggested authorized use by residents only. Mr. Lo Dico said authorized use by permission only. Councilman Accomando said residents use only unless otherwise permitted. More discussion of wording on the signs followed and how many signs would be needed.

Discussion of prohibiting golfing on the field followed along with more discussion of wording for the signs and prohibition of drinks on the field and motorized vehicles. Wheelchairs and service dogs were mentioned. Council President Mazzer said the coaches have to be accountable for whatever their sport is. Mr. Setticas said once he relays the rules to the commissioners they will take it to their coaches.

Mayor White mentioned the grand opening and said most people don't want to do it on Saturday. Councilman Camilleri said we don't want to extend it too long but we could plan it in a week or so. Mayor White suggested inviting the VFW and the previous administration. Mr. Setticas suggested any elected officials who assisted with grant money. Councilwoman D'Arminio suggested the Saturday before Memorial Day. Mayor White said it would be a busy weekend, but we can do it.

Discussion of planning the grand opening for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 PM followed. Mayor White asked about needing a plaque. Councilman Cimiluca said we should consider depending what we put on the façade to sell – have people make donations to go toward the rec fund or whatever like they did at the high school.

The Council discussed the previous opening of Veterans' Field along with discussion of food to be served at the grand opening.

Council President Mazzer asked Mr. Setticas if he had any concerns about the field and Mr. Setticas said no, he was actually very happy. He said his only concern was the gates being open but that would be a trial basis. If it doesn't work, all bets are off. He added, I think the cameras are crucial. Councilman Camilleri suggested having a sign to let people know about the surveillance cameras. Mayor White said that was a good idea.

Council President Mazzer asked Mr. Setticas if he had a schedule for everybody that plays right down to the Pee Wees? Mr. Setticas outlined the schedule for Veterans' Field.

Mr. Lo Dico mentioned giving schedules to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Camilleri asked Mr. Setticas if he was going to have a meeting on Veterans' Field to discuss the rules and regulations with all the rec heads? Mr.

Setticase said yes, definitely. Councilman Cimiluca suggested having the janitor during football season adjust his schedule so he could be there on a Saturday to be there for maintenance. Discussion of trash receptacles followed.

Mr. Setticase left at this time.

Councilwoman D'Arminio made a motion to nominate Joseph Schilp to the Zoning Board vacancy.

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

**CR# 515-146**

### **APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER – UNEXPIRED**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that:

**JOSEPH SCHILP**  
Hiemstrand Court  
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – no  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - no  
Council President Mazzer - yes

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Accomando mentioned the materials that were left over. Councilman Cimiluca said we have a contract with the contractor, and it was in there. We signed off on \$17,500 to move it. He can always say I don't care if I moved it an inch, I can charge you \$17,500. Maybe his estimate was based on something and he can say in all fairness it didn't take \$17,500 in labor to move it. Maybe we can get something back.

Council President Mazzer asked about the punch list. Mr. Lo Dico said the engineer is doing a punch list so if you have anything. Councilman Cimiluca mentioned the foul pole, they still have to do the netting, the screen. Councilwoman D'Arminio asked if the whole council would be walking the field, and Council President Mazzer said they can, but Councilman Camilleri cited the Sunshine Law. Mr. Lo Dico said you would have to call it as a council meeting. He said they had done it in the past.

Councilman Accomando mentioned the seams and said they look like garbage. There was a height difference in some of the seams, and they were horrible. Councilman Cimiluca said that is part of the punch list items that some of the seams have to be redone. He asked about the purpose of the wind screen. Councilman Camilleri explained about the netting being all ripped up and that the contractor had been told to replace the netting. He said the contractor was slick. He put up the new netting, but it's six foot shy of the ground. To me, he took the old

netting and just raised it so it's not on the ground, but now it's six foot short, so his solution is the wind screen to go from that six-foot height to the ground. He said a ball that comes off that netting could hit the net, come rolling down and go behind the net. If the netting went to the ground, the ball could hit the netting and roll all the way to the ground. Now it's a cavity in there, so he's going to put the wind screen there. He explained how the wind screen would be attached and added, to me that's another thing that went through the cracks. We removed the netting, and the netting was to the ground, why would you give us a bid six feet shy of the ground? He wanted us to go for \$1000 to put Saddle Brook on it, which would look nice, but when football season – I had a conversation with the guy, that was his first conversation. I'll throw the wind screen in. So when he said anything for free I said okay, we'll take it. Then, from it being free, it's costing us \$3000. Councilwoman Accomando asked if he was throwing in Saddle Brook for free, and Councilman Camilleri said no, he wanted another \$15,000 for that. Council President Mazzer said \$1500, and Councilman Camilleri said then he backed down to \$1000. I don't know how that came about, but he said that's what he bid. When we asked him to raise the netting, that's what he proposed. He raised it, but in his proposal he didn't have it all the way to the ground like the old one was, which to me is kind of shoddy. You take something down that was to the ground and now you're leaving six feet. Councilwoman D'Arminio said especially when you do that for a living. Councilman Camilleri said they know. They're slicker than us, they know.

Councilman Cimiluca said that would hide the ugly green fence, and Councilman Camilleri said absolutely. That green fence looks like crap.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public on agenda items only.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Camilleri

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Camilleri – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

Mr. Omar Rodriguez of 275 Madison Avenue identified himself as eight years councilman, four times Council President. He said he was listening to what had just transpired. He said he is not a Zoning Board member, but some Democrats are trying to become Republican and one Republican trying to convert into a Democrat. But that's politics. One day at a time.

Mr. Rodriguez asked Council President Mazzer what were the changes on the budget today. Council President Mazzer deferred to Mr. Lo Dico who said the auditor had explained – Mr. Rodriguez interrupted and said excuse me, I was questioning the Council President. She is the one that is voting. If you may, Council President, I would like to just have an answer from you. Thank you.

Council President Mazzer said it was an amendment to the budget, and I'm going to authorize Pete to tell you in his words.

Mr. Rodriguez said I don't know if you are aware or not, but under our form of government, you are the one who runs the meetings. Council President Mazzer said I know that. Mr. Rodriguez said you are the one that responds to questions, you are the one that votes on the amendments, you are the one that is responsible to actually answer the questions to the public and the taxpayers. And now, one more time, let it be part of the record, part of the minutes, I'm asking you, you voted on the amendment, and you as Council President, I'm asking you to please respond to my question. What are the amendments today? It just happened not too long ago. If you can just explain to me which amendments happened. You are the elected official.

Council President Mazzer said I really can't... Mayor White said just to remind you through the chair it had to do with the interest on the water. Council President

Mazzer said, I just received this this afternoon, I'm sorry, Omar. Mr. Rodriguez said that's fine, and you can thank the Mayor for trying to come to the rescue as a lifesaver. I understand you just received it but when you vote on something, sometimes when you vote on something and you're not sure, you haven't digested it, just postpone it or table it when you're not sure. Those are the things that for now, I'm just going to be asking because if you vote on something you have to be well-versed, and you have to know how you vote. I have one more question on the budget, not just to make it difficult because again, as you might be aware, the most important function of the Council, actually the two most important functions of the Council, is to legislate and to control the budget, so you are one of the experts right there. You've got so many years up there, so I'd like to ask you under receipt from delinquent taxes, why in 2014 we got \$627,000 and this year \$535,000?

Council President Mazzer said I don't have an answer to you. The auditor was here, and if you were here earlier I'm sure you could have asked these questions to him. Mr. Rodriguez said just in closing, I just want to tell you once again and remind you, for the years that you have been sitting here, the main function of the Council is to control the budget. That's the main function under our form of government. I will ask the question again under a public meeting, because I don't think that the auditor has to respond to me. The auditor can just be present as a professional, but the ones that got to vote on that is you as an elected official. You are the ones that responded to the taxpayers and the residents. So I don't want to insult you or nothing, but I just want to make sure that you understand, the questions are not responded by the auditor but actually by the elected officials, and you as Council President this year, you should be able to respond to some of those questions. So I'm just going to leave it for now that way.

Mr. Rodriguez went on to say just real quick on the field that you guys have been discussing, let's just be careful with the kind of sign that you put out there because there may be some kind of litigation later on. You have to use the proper wording because the taxpayers at the end of the day are allowed to walk at any given time. So I believe that the attorney, the legal department, should look into the proper wording, and it could just be something along these lines. I'm not an expert, but I have seen so many signs, and I know Wallington has been taken to court and other towns I guess they prohibit, and they won big money because they claimed discrimination. It could be just something like for use of residents only, underline it and just use of field requires a permit. And again that should be just passed to the legal department. We just want to go and try to be [inaudible] because I know that they have open litigation all over the state of New Jersey. Finally, on the cameras, it's not expensive. It's worth it. Right now, I recommend...so nobody says, make any comments, whatever, but I know, I'm very well aware...of the cost. Six cameras do not run more than \$200 dollars, top of the line, especially those cameras that see at night with no lights is better. They can just even give you images in color. It's at night, very dark and give you images in color with motion sensors, that should be around \$1200 everything installed and actually certain people can have access to the cameras through their phone. It's worth it for this kind of investment. It's very worth it. Thank you. Have a good night.

Hearing no one, Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Camilleri

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Camilleri – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

Councilman Accomando asked Mr. Rodriguez if he had the name of a company that will come in. Mr. Rodriguez said yes, but I will not recommend because last time I said something everybody thinks I am bringing people, but I'm just saying anybody can just do it for \$1200. That is the average price on the market. Six cameras, all of you, all the ones that have access, all the elected officials, can have it on your phones and have access any time.

Council President Mazzer said I have a system; I have 16 cameras that is really pretty good.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Camilleri

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Lo Dico, RMC CMC  
Township Clerk

Approved: July 2, 2015

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Florence Mazzer  
Council President