

Ms. Schmidt asked about the Aberdeen Recreation Master Plan.

Mr. Lauro stated what has been done is the mapping and inventory of the parks. Mr. Colabelli has a copy of it. It is not complete yet.

Ms. Schmidt asked if it was available for the public to review.

Mr. Lauro stated yes, this is what Mr. Colabelli uses now for each park and what needs to be done.

Mayor Sobel stated the engineers inventory all the land in the Township, the Open Space. The areas that have not been developed. They research what is possible for recreation. A lot may be too small or too close to wet lands for use.

Ms. Schmidt asked about the Ernst Zobel Site. Didn't we do a study on that a long time ago.

Mayor Sobel stated we own the property, based upon old studies we know for a fact that the property is in need of remediation. That study was done in the mid 1990s. This is a follow up to that. When remediation plan is completed we can make a decision if it makes sense to make an investment in that property.

Ms. Schmidt stated it reminds her of South River Metals and nothing is happening with that.

Mayor Sobel stated that is not true. There is a lot at work getting done. Unfortunately, we have a housing market that has gone downhill. We just got approval of the remediation plan from the State.

Ms. Schmidt stated regarding the Stabilization of an unnamed tributary of Mohingson Brook, when you look at a map it appears to be all over town. Is it the whole brook.

Mayor Sobel stated no it is five properties on Duda Lane. There is a pipe that water comes out of and makes it way across town, and the five properties have unbelievable erosion. They lost 10 - 15 feet of property and it is going to get worst.

Brian Pfeiffer
243 Lennox Road

Mr. Pfeiffer asked why does CME Associates get the work without a competitive bid.

Diane Dabulas stated because CME Associates is our designated engineer and the other is a professional service contract.

Mayor Sobel stated as we mentioned in other meetings CME is one of the top 3 engineering firms in the State. They have been associated with the town for many years and the rates they charged are discounted.

Mr. Pfeiffer stated if you did bid it maybe they would give you an even cheaper rate.

Mayor Sobel stated there is a reason why they are a top firm in the State. Not all firms are created equal. We are very please with the quality of work CME has given us.

Mr. Marinello

Lloyd Road

Mr. Marinello asked if the engineering was bidable.

Diane Dabulas stated at the end of the year and RFQ (request for qualification) goes out for engineering services for the year. Actually for all professional services for the following year. The professionals will get appointed and all projects go to that professional.

There being no one else wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, all items listed under 6A. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gumbs.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Perry, Vinci and Deputy Mayor Gumbs

Nays: None

Abstain: Mayor Sobel

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-70 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the following Bank of America accounts be closed.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-71 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third installment of 2008 taxes.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-72 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the attached vendors be added to the State Contract Vendor List for 2008.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-73 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate for Non-Leaded Gasoline.
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-74 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes an agreement with CME Associates for the Aberdeen Recreation Master Plan.
6. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-76 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes an agreement with CME Associates for the Stabilization of an unnamed tributary of Mohingson Brook.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes an agreement with CME Associates for the ADA Accessible Sea Wall Park Improvements.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED that the general public shall be excluded from discussion held during executive session - contractual - Vacation of Grand Avenue, PBA Contracts; Personnel - Tax Assessor Office; Potential Litigation - Property/Code Issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmember Drapkin, Vinci and Deputy Mayor Gumbs

Nays: Councilman Perry

Abstain: Mayor Sobel

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75 - BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes an agreement with CME Associates for the former Ernst Zobel Company Site.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

Mr. Marinella

Lloyd Road

Mr. Marinella asked if the Council received a petition from the Deerfield Park Residents.

Mayor Sobel stated yes, Diane Dabulas will get in touch with the author of the letter, give her a couple of weeks to get up to speed on this. A meeting will have to be set.

Mr. Marinella stated he was not happy with the size of the budget cuts for the school budget. I feel the Council believes it is a sound budget.

Mayor Sobel stated no, we were told by the County it was a very good budget with a lot of fat trimmed. They were in full support of the budget. We accept what the school board offers if not it goes to the County and they would rubber stamp it.

Mr. Marinella asked if the Council made the cuts.

Mayor Sobel stated it was the schools proposal. We deal with a dollar amount, where they cut it is up to the school.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the public portion.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Vinci made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Drapkin and unanimously concurred by Council.

David G. Sobel, Mayor

Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk