

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
NOVEMBER WORKSHOP**

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Mrs. Trotto was absent

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

There being no comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES-** Mr. Cardis stated the township scored well on the annual Best Practices, scoring 39.5 and explained any score over 30 will not affect state aid. The Best Practices will be posted on the Township website unless Council has any questions. Mrs. Ehret stated a formal resolution is not needed, only Mrs. Power's attest that Council reviewed.
2. **DISCUSSION OF LAKELAND CONNECTOR TRAIL-** Mr. Chadwell of Remington & Vernick described the proposed Lakeland Road Connector Trail near the Black Horse Pike extending to the existing Health and Fitness Trail to the Camden County Bike Share Facility. R & V applied for a Transportation Alternative Funding. Being that the funds are only eligible for construction and inspection, the township agreed to cover the cost for design, otherwise the township would not have been awarded the grant funds. The proposed trail has several obstacles such as PSEG and AC Electric utility poles, a stream crossing the pedestrian path, and several different elements. AC Electric is willing to relocate utility poles at no cost to the township. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
3. **DISCUSSION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT-** Mr. Lechner discussed the changes made to the Redevelopment Application Procedures. Council thanked Mr. Lechner for updating the process and explaining the changes.
4. **DISCUSSION OF T AND M'S PROPOSALS –** Mr. Lechner stated there are three proposals regarding the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan and the Villages of Gloucester Township Redevelopment Plan. T and M proposes to prepare amendments to both the Blackwood West Redevelopment Plan and the Villages of Gloucester Township Rehabilitation Zone. T and M is also proposing to undertake a redevelopment designation study for properties located within the Villages of Gloucester Rehabilitation Zone. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.
5. **DISCUSSION OF MOFFA'S FARM –** Mr. Cardis explained there are structural concerns regarding Moffa's Farm and this proposal is for Consulting Engineer Services to evaluate the building. A straw poll was taken with all council members in agreement.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Winters stated over 300 attended the Caboose during the Pumpkin Festival.

Mr. Owens stated the Housing Authority terminated their agreement with the IT provider they were using because the township's professional can provide services for no extra charge.

Mr. Mercado stated the MUA's annual budget meeting is being held in November. Mr. Mercado stated next week's council meeting will be held in the court room on Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict with the Zoning Board. Mr. Mercado invited NJ Boy's and Girl's State attendees to come to a November Council Meeting. Mr. Owens stated Bethel Christian is having their Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17th.