

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST**

**WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

**May 10, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied by sending notice of this rescheduled meeting to the Bergen Record on May 1, 2023 and posting such notice on the Bulletin Board at Borough Hall, on the Borough website and filing in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bernstein, Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember LaPira, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Jiang

**Roll Call:**

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF 2023 BERGEN COUNTY TRUST  
FUND MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION**

Mayor Bernstein opens the floor to the public for the Public Hearing on the submission of a grant application for the 2023 Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Parks Program, whereas the Borough of Demarest desires to obtain a matching grant in the amount of \$287,500.00 to fund the surface improvement and recreational enhancement of Wakelee Field.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call:**

**Items for Discussion:**

Borough Engineer's Report

Meeting Open to the Public

Adjournment

**Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body**

**Resolution No. 70-23**

**May 10, 2023**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jiang</b>						
<b>Fox</b>						
<b>Marks</b>						
<b>Slowikowski</b>						
<b>Hamilton</b>						
<b>LaPira</b>						

**TITLE: OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND APPLICATION, MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund") Municipal Program for Park Development, provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Demarest desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$287,500.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund surface improvements and upgrades to Wakelee Field; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the application process, the Borough Council held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 10, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Demarest:

1. That the Borough is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 12, 2023 as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough Council has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Borough Council is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Borough agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED:**

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**Brian Bernstein, Mayor**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lee Campbell, Acting Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Demarest, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting on May 10, 2023.

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**Lee Campbell**  
**Acting Borough Clerk**