

**Workshop Meeting  
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

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Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:03 pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

**1. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Kevin L. Gonzalez,  
Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Maria Escalante, Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin

The Flag Salute was led by C/Regan

**2. OVERNIGHT PARKING ORDINANCE (C/Gindi)**

C/Gindi shared he is a proponent of the current parking code. He then cited information in the current Borough Code regarding Holidays and weekends. He asked if the day before and after Holidays could be added. Interim Administrator Lucia noted that change could pose a problem for Public Works. It is amendable to add Sundays to the exemption of overnight parking. Mayor Talerico summarized the request; Council discussed the matter including consideration for snow, emergencies and contact dispatch for case-by-case exemptions. Discussion continued. Council consensus was to move forward.

**3. PARK PARKING ORDINANCE (Mayor Talerico)**

Mayor Talerico explained the issue with parking at closed parks. He asked if Council wanted to clarify the current ordinance to state that if the park is closed there is no parking allowed. Council consensus was to move forward.

Mr. Al Baginsky, Irving Place, confirmed the reasoning for the current ordinance. He clarified what the also confirmed what the change would allow for.

**4. COMMERCIAL PLANTING ORDINANCE (Mayor Talerico)**

Mayor Talerico explained issues with commercial development; suggesting an ordinance to address monoculture, invasive species and promote use of native species. The ordinance will be drafted for introduction and sent to the Planning Board for review prior to further consideration by Council.

**5. COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE (Mayor Talerico)**

Mayor Talerico spoke about the Community Garden, suggesting the Community Garden be moved under the Recreation Department. The Committee would remain, but the Council liaison would be removed and another member gardener would be added to the committee.

Ms. Sara Breslow, Lake Drive, requested Council complete research before moving the Community Garden under Recreation. She suggested moving the Committee back under the Green Team.

Ms. Wanna Chin, Carmel Way, asked questions about native species and invasive species. She will send examples to Council regarding aggressive native plants.

Mr. William Skidmore, Jeryl Street, spoke about the trail and parking ideas that were shared for the Community Garden. Discussion continued regarding the expansion of parking. Discussion then continued regarding the Community Garden moving under the Recreation Department.

Mr. Al Baginsky, Irving Place, asked about the proposed commercial planting ordinance. The engineers will be involved in the ordinance preparation. Further discussion continued regarding nonnatives and annuals.

Ms. Laura Bagwell, Elizabeth Parkway, provided information to answer Mr. Baginsky's questions and the goal of the ordinance.

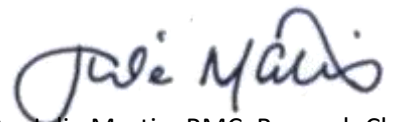
Further discussion continued on the details of the ordinance.

Mr. Michael Battaglia, Wyckoff Road, asked if the Community Garden would now be under Recreation. Mayor Talerico explained the process for the next Community Garden meeting.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT – 7:47 pm**

Motion to adjourn by C/Gonzalez; seconded by C/Regan

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Lucas



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk