

MOST Trust Fund Advisory Board
Recommendations to Teaneck
Council
December 8, 2020

Kenneth R. Hoffman, M.D., M.P.H.
Chairperson

MOST Advisory Board Membership 2020-2021

- Dr. Ken Hoffman, Public member 1, Chairperson and Secretary
- Farah Gilani, Township Engineer
- Michael Klatsky, Public Member 2
- Bernie Pearson, PPRAB representative
- Phil Rhodes, Environmental Commission representative
- Levonne Turner, Historical Commission representative

MOST Advisory Board Ex-Officio and Council Liaison

Ex-Officio: Ms. Glenna
Crockett,
Superintendent of
Recreation

Council Liaison:
Mayor Jim Dunleavy

Advisory Board was
reconfigured based on
Ordinance 15-2020

MOST Advisory Board Recommendations to Council October 30, 2017 for 2018

Fund new Historical and
Park Markers, Park Signs
and Brochures

Total Remediation of
Eleanor Klieliszek Park
with the removal of the
PAL Building and new
plantings

No other use of funds at
this time while
Township investigates
possible land
acquisitions

Amount of available
funds at that time:
\$1,635,341.07

Improve two-way
communication
between Council and
the Advisory Boards
that serve our Township

MOST Advisory Board Recommendations for 2021

- Amount of Money Currently Available (as of September 24, 2020) is \$2,835,000 or \$1,200,000 more than on October 30, 2017.
- Continue support of Historical Commissions' plans which will, hopefully, come to fruition in 2021.
- \$15,000 to purchase a storage shed with a water collecting roof for the Mary Topolsky Park, the only ADA-accessible park along the Hackensack River
- Administratively move the Mary Topolsky Park to be part of Terhune Park as currently this area is not on the Township's Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI) and currently has no NJDEP Green Acres protection.

MOST Advisory Board Recommendations (Continued)


Bergen County Open Spaces Program has granted Teaneck \$119,000 towards the Bandshell replacement. This is a matching grant so \$119,000 will need to come out of the MOST funds.

The MOST Advisory Board unanimously recommends that outdoor chess/checkers tables and benches be purchased and placed along the southside of Votee so that people can watch Sportsplex events or just enjoying sitting or playing board games in the park

MOST Advisory Board Recommendations (Continued)

Haluba Factory property is now owned by the KRE Acquisition Corporation with plans to build a “78-unit residential townhouse and apartment complex.” (Front page of Site Plan Application Planning Board File Number: PBN20209-16). Their “Traffic Impact Study” shows an access road down the middle of the land which abuts Herrick Park to Palisade Avenue.

The MOST Advisory Board unanimously recommends that this access road be moved as far south as possible and then have the developer donate or sell the land contiguous to Herrick Park as part of the settlement of Board of Adjustment issues. The purchase, if necessary, and development of this additional park land would use MOST Trust Funds



MOST Advisory Board Recommendations (Continued)

- While the entire MOST Advisory Board membership recognizes the semi-emergent need to replace Votee's in-ground pool and replace Hawthorne's above-ground pool, the members unanimously recommend that the entire cost NOT be funded through the MOST Trust Fund, allowing unused funds to be saved for future needs.



Non-Financial Recommendations to Council

The MOST Advisory Board membership unanimously states that “enough is enough” and the Open Space Recreation Plan (OSRP) that has been before Teaneck’s Planning Board for 2 years needs to be readily approved and incorporated in the Township’s Master Plan.

- The MOST Advisory Board wishes to publicly thank Dr. George Reskakis for his decades of dedication as a volunteer in Teaneck and Bergen County-organizations, including our own advisory board.
- The MOST Advisory Board wishes to publicly thank Mayor Jim Dunleavy with Council’s support, Doug Ruccione, Acting Township Clerk and Dean Kacinzi, Township Manager, for greatly improving the two-way communication between the Advisory Boards, Council and the Township’s Administration
- PPRAB should identify a location for an outdoor skating rink, with MOST funds contributing towards its construction.

THANK YOU

- THANK YOU VERY MUCH for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you and the citizens of Teaneck on behalf of the MOST Advisory Board.
- I am happy to answer any questions or concerns raised through this presentation.
- Happy and Safe Holidays to all and please remember to wear a good face mask when social distancing is NOT possible.