**RESOLUTION NO. 151-2021**

**BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPROVEMENTS TO CRESCENT PARK FOR A RACQUET SPORTS RECREATION AREA TO INCLUDE A SECOND PLATFORM TENNIS COURT AND VIEWING AREA IN THE BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

 **UPON MOTION** of Councilwoman Anthony, seconded by Councilman Clemmensen, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

 **WHEREAS**, the Sea Girt Recreation Committee has proposed the construction of a second platform tennis court and viewing area for location in the northeast section of Crescent Park, adjacent to the existing platform tennis court and three tennis courts; and,

 **WHEREAS**, The Borough Council acknowledged, and amended the Crescent Park Stewardship Plan to include acknowledgment and support for the pre-existing active recreational use to which the north end of the park has been dedicated for decades; and

 **WHEREAS**, the governing body desires to provide recreational opportunities for Borough residents and their guests by placing the platform tennis court in this pre-existing, dedicated area.

**WHEREAS**, The Borough Council supports the Recreation Commission proposal to construct an additional paddleball court and viewing area adjacent to the existing platform tennis court and tennis court; and

**WHEREAS,** the governing body seeks to assure that any addition or modification to this section of the park, already dedicated to active recreational use, be done in a manner consistent with environmental and green space concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, Sea Girt Recreation Commission has developed a concept plan for the construction of an additional platform tennis court for which it would provide all funding for the construction of a paddleball court in the northeast quadrant of Crescent Park adjacent to the three existing tennis courts and platform tennis courts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough Council recognizes the need to remove existing trees and will work with the Borough Shade Tree Commission to replace any existing trees removed and takes measures to assure a healthy understory; and

**WHEREAS,** The Borough Council seeks to assure that the placement of the new platform tennis court in a manner that causes minimum disruption to nearby property owners to Crescent Forest; and

**WHEREAS** the Recreational Commission presented a concept plan to the Shade Tree Commission on March 13, 2021, for the construction of said platform tennis court to which to Shade Tree Commission declared, while citing the proposed courts north/south orientation to reduce visual impact to surrounding residents and to plant two new trees for every tree removed as a result of this placement; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the Crescent Park Stewardship Plan (“Plan”) notable omission were noted particularly there being no reference to the pre-existing active recreational use of the Northeast section of the park, tennis courts as well as a platform tennis court adjacent to which the proposed platform tennis court and viewing area would be located.

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(continued)

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Council of the Borough of Sea Girt that: The Recreation Commission’s concept plan for placement of a second paddleball court in the north end of Crescent Park, and replacement of trees and tending to understory as proposed, is hereby approved; subject to the review of bid estimates prior to award by Council.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Council of the Borough of Sea Girt that and

the same is hereby approved.

 The Recreation Commission’s concept plan for placement of a second platform tennis court in the north end of Crescent Park, and replacement of trees and tending to understory as proposed is hereby approved.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be supplied to Mr. D’Altrui, Sea Girt Recreation Commissioner.

Recorded Vote:

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|  | AYES | NAYS | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
| Councilman Clemmensen | X |  |  |  |
| Councilman Perry | X |  |  |  |
| Councilman Begley | X |  |  |  |
| Council President Fetzer | X |  |  |  |
| Councilwoman Giegerich | X |  |  |  |
| Councilwoman Anthony | X |  |  |  |

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I, Dawn Harriman, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby *certify* that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council at the August 11, 2021 meeting.

 Dawn Harriman

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