

Monday, August 11th, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 - 14

Offered By Councilperson **THEODOROU**
Seconded By Councilperson _____

AUTHORIZING A NONBINDING REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE BOROUGH SHOULD INSTALL AN ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD AT THE HURRELL FIELD

WHEREAS, Hurrell Field must be reconstructed due to usage; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Borough Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended that an artificial turf field be installed at Hurrell Field as a way of increasing field availability for Borough recreation and Board of Education programs; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Hurrell Field Committee has recommended all organic infill as a viable option for Hurrell Field; **and**,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the initial installation of an artificial turf field **with** all organic infill will cost between \$ 1,200,000 and \$1,300,000 but actual costs may be more than \$1,300,000 or less than \$1,200,000; **and**,

WHEREAS, the governing body feels that the residents of the Borough should have a say in whether there should be installed at Hurrell Field an artificial turf field with an all organic infill, the cost of which would be paid using funds in the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund and/or from the proceeds of bonds and/or bond anticipation notes, as the governing body determines to be in the best interest of the Borough; **and**,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 provides that:

"When the governing body of any municipality . . . desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality . . . upon any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof, and there is no other statute by which the sentiment can be ascertained by the submission of such question to a vote of the electors in the municipality . . . at any election to be held therein, the governing body may adopt at any regular meeting an ordinance or a resolution requesting the clerk of the county to print upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election a certain proposition to be formulated and expressed in the ordinance or resolution in concise form. Such request shall be filed with the clerk of the county not later than 81 days previous to the election"; **and**,

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that it is appropriate to conduct a nonbinding referendum on this question.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of The Borough Of Glen Ridge in The County Of Essex, New Jersey, as follows:

PUBLIC QUESTION #1

Should The Borough Of Glen Ridge install at Hurrell Field an artificial turf field with an all organic infill at an estimated cost of between \$1,200,000 and \$1,300,000 with the possibility that actual costs may be more or less?

2. The following statement interpreting the nonbinding Public Question #1 shall also be placed on the ballot:

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION #1

If Public Question #1 is approved by the voters, the Mayor and Council will construe that as support to install an artificial turf field at Hurrell Field with an all organic infill most likely cork and no crumb rubber infill will be used.

The Borough's athletic fields in their current condition cannot meet the demand due to the increase in activities in both the youth and high school programs. To resolve this situation, the Hurrell Field Committee has recommended artificial turf with an all organic infill as a viable option for Hurrell Field to increase the usage and improve the condition of the field.

The cost for such artificial turf is estimated to be between \$1,200,000.00 and \$1,300,000 with the possibility that actual costs may be more or less. It is anticipated that the cost of the project would be paid using funds in the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund and/or from the proceeds of bonds as the governing body determines to be in the best interest of the Borough.

3. Final wording is subject to review by the Borough Attorney; **and,**

4. The Borough Clerk is authorized and directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution to The Essex County Clerk and request that the nonbinding public questions and interpretive statements be placed on the November 4th, 2014 General Election ballot.

I, Michael J. Rohal, Administrator / Clerk of The Borough Of Glen Ridge, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body at a duly convened meeting held Monday, August 11th, 2014.

Michael J. Rohal,
Borough Administrator / Clerk