

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
RIDGEFIELD PARK
April 8, 2025
7:30 PM

Mayor MacNeill announces that this meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.” notice of which was sent to the Record and the Star Ledger on December 31, 2024 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Village Website.

This agenda is listed as a courtesy and attempt to inform the public of actions being considered by the Village Board of Commissioners. There may be additions and deletions prior to the Board taking final action. Any action may be taken at any meeting, which includes all Caucus and Regular sessions. The Commissioners reserve the right to conduct and/or attend any meetings presently scheduled for the rest of 2025 by a combination of electronic and/or in-person means. Meetings are open to the public.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners Regular Meeting of March 25, 2025

PAYMENT OF BILLS

CORRESPONDENCE

Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 1 – Resignation
Ridgefield Park Fire Department Hose Co. No. 3 – Resignation
Ridgefield Park Fire Department Truck Co. No. 2 - Resignation

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

HEARING OF CITIZENS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor MacNeill announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2025-41 Appoint Shade Tree Commission Members
- 2025-42 Authorize No Mow May
- 2025-43 Authorize Enabling Resolution for Green Acres Grant for Fellowship Park Playground Improvements

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

- 2025-08 AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK TO REPEAL CHAPTER 193; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 193; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)
2025-44 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2025-41

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following as Associate Members of the Shade Tree Commission for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2025:

Veronica Hanne
Warren Midgett
Alice Mills
Juan Pena
Kate Spontak

NO MOW MAY IN THE VILLAGE of RIDGEFIELD PARK

WHEREAS, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants including agricultural plants; and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is one comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon them occurs in late spring and early summer as they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and,

WHEREAS, "No Mow May" is a community science initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing practices during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ridgefield Park would like to encourage interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices on their own properties for the month of May during this formative period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Village of Ridgefield Park recognizes No Mow May to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sustainable Ridgefield Park will maintain a registry of properties participating in No Mow May and will make a No Mow May lawn sign available to them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Village of Ridgefield Park directs staff to not issue correction notices for properties registered in No Mow May, for long grass and weed violations for the month of May, permitting all residents to voluntarily delay lawn care until June, allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and forbs to establish, which may result in ground-cover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions.

RESOLUTION 2025-43

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$487,500.00 from the State to fund the following project:

Project # 0250-24-036 Fellowship Park Playground Improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners Village of Ridgefield Park that:

1. The Mayor, Adam A. MacNeill, of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Fellowship Park Playground Improvements, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$162,500.00, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.