

Mr. Nolan introduced and offered for adoption of the following resolution:

R-10-222
RESOLUTION TERMINATING INTEREST
IN THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND
FOR THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands had been looking at the possible acquisition of lands within the Borough for the use and utilization as a public park; and

WHEREAS, officials of the Borough took all of the necessary actions to secure funding through the DEP Green Acres Program for such a property acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's investigation of lands for potential purchase and use as a public park included appraisals and soil testing of a property identified as Block 56, Lots 12 and 12.01 on the tax map of the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, this investigation revealed that in addition to acquisition costs, there will be additional funds needed for site work, potential remediation, construction and maintenance costs of the park and facilities thereafter; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the costs of acquisition, improvement, remediation and maintenance, even with grants and funding, would be too great given the current fiscal environment that the Borough finds itself in;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the Borough's present interest in the acquisition of Block 56, Lots 12 and 12.01, is hereby terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Attorney is hereby directed to forward the soil analysis report prepared by Birdsall Services Group to the Attorney for the owners of Block 56, Lots 12 and 12.01; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby directed to advise the DEP, Green Acres Program and the Monmouth County Open Space Trust Fund that the Borough has terminated its present interest in acquiring Block 56, Lots 12 and 12.01.

Seconded by: Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the
Borough of Highlands on the _____ day of _____, 2010.

CAROLYN CUMMINS, R.M.C.