School board has questions about nature trail table

Tables for endorsement of project as part of Lafayette Street Park

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CAPE MAY — The Cape May City Elementary School Board of Education issued a formal request in May to the Cape May City Council to endorse the construction of a nature trail behind the school as part of the Lafayette Street Park project.

At a July 20 school board meeting, the Cape May school district board of education was seeking two permits — one to build in a freshwater wetland area and the second to build a boardwalk in that same area — from the Department of Environmental Protection. He said the school board must endorse the projects as part of the application in 2022.

The site backs up to Cape Island Creek. As Phase IV of the Lafayette Street Park project, it would provide a boardwalk behind the school and would be a focal point for local and county students, he said.

Cape May City Director of Health and Senior Services Dr. Joseph B. Orlando said the city had funded the nature trail and was ready to place the project out to bid, but due to the state’s high interest rates, the city is trying to find a partner to help fund the project.

He said the hope is to start this project in the fall of 2023. He said

The administration wanted to move ahead as long as a partner could be found to help them fund it and get approval from the state.

Following a closed session, the school board went into open session.

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City may add 10 more arches on the Promenade

Some members of the public say they don’t want them

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CAPE MAY — The city arches that line the Promenade may have some company in the form of more arches.

Built as a demonstration project between Congress Street Beach and the arcade, the arches were completed with a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 1. Rebuilding back to the look of the city’s boardwalk 11 years ago, the arches are just past the 17th Street and about 300 feet back.

The proposal would add arches along 15th, 17th, 21st and 23rd streets, and the Board of Education and the city council are considering the possibility.

At a July 18 City Council meeting, architect John B. Robertson, who provided the services free of charge the first 12 years, said he was asked to do the work on the original arches, but they were designed to last for 30 years and were made of a steel frame and were agency/landscapable.

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See Lightning arches have been installed on the Promenade in Cape May and the addition of 10 more is under consideration.

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U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Gregory Schiel

Staying afloat

Nurseries from company Bravo-204 conduct survival float training July 13 in the pool at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May to ensure that all new employees know how to properly don the suit and inspect to ensure adequate wear, then enter the water and assume survival postures.

Diamond Beach Park plan sends to Open Sea Board; part of extensive upgrades

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VILLAS — A number of projects are on the table for infrastructure improvements at Diamond Beach Park, según la declaración del alcalde Robert G. Jolly.

May 17 Township Open Space Board and Recreation Committee meeting, Will Han- son, of Dolichan Associ- ates, the township’s con- structed engineering firm, reported on progress in the design of improvements to Diamond Beach Park.

Plans call for new play equipment, restrooms, food service, new facilities, new utility areas, and some utility work.

He said the final design was presented to the coun- try Open Space Board and received positive feedback, but funding for the board.

The project will be ready to go out to bid and should start first quarter 2023.

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Heat raises fears for 2023 Atlantic hurricane season

The 2023 season is predicted to have 18 named storms, which is above average, and four major hurricanes — those with a fade- ing category of 3 to 5 and sustained winds of 111 mph or greater. The updated forecast is an increase from the 13 named storms, nine hurricanes and four major hurricanes that were predicted June 1.

Long-term, seasonal averages are 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes. The researchers estimate the probability of a major hurricane making landfall in the United States is about the same as the 10-year average.

The team will issue a forecast update Aug. 3. Forecast is based on statistical models that use 23 to 46 years of histor- ical hurricane season data.

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