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West Orange Town Council Approves Bond to Develop Ridgeway Avenue Park

May 22, 2013 – West Orange, NJ -- Mayor Robert D. Parisi today announced the approval of funding for four acres of Ridgeway Avenue property to be developed into recreational space.

The Open Space Commission, which was created to assist in the preservation of the Township's character, voted and gave their recommendation for the Township to fund the park at 55-57 Ridgeway Ave. using a $475,000 bond. The Town Council approved the bond ordinance at the May 21st council meeting.

The Township acquired the property on May 31, 2006 from Northfield Mass Associates LLC. Work proposed for the property is consistent with recommendations from a neighborhood subcommittee and was determined by several neighborhood meetings and individual feedback about what residents wanted on the parcel of land.

Improvements will include pedestrian access along walking pathways from three adjoining streets including Ridgeway Ave., Highland Blvd. and Arverne Rd. Lighting will be installed throughout the park. Additionally, the stone wall will be reconstructed and an existing gazebo will be restored. Landscaping includes new lawns and trees.

The subcommittee of neighbors and the Administration continue to explore the future of two buildings located on the property.

Construction will begin immediately and should be completed by August.

"It is our hope that this space will become a beautiful addition to the neighborhood that will be enjoyed for many years to come," Parisi said.

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Highland Blvd.
Ridgeway Ave.
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Flowering Tree Allee
Custom Fence / Latticework
Native Species Garden
Garden Ornament
Meandering Path
Gazebo
The Ellipse / English Garden
Entry
Ridgeway Park
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