

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
RESOLUTION 2023 – 6.7**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TREE WORK AT SKED STREET PARK AND AUTHORIZING  
THE USE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS  
FOR THIS PURCHASE**

**WHEREAS**, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee in collaboration with Borough Council's Public Works Committee, Borough Council seeks to make improvements to Sked Street Park to enhance its enjoyment by Borough residents as active open space;

**WHEREAS**, the approved plan for Sked Street Park includes replacement of existing playground equipment, park benches, upgrades and expansion of the walking path, tree removal and pruning and purchase and installation of a gazebo; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2023-5.6 authorized the removal of 11 trees at Sked Street Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Works Superintendent Rick Smith has identified 2 additional trees that are diseased and require removal; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Works Superintendent Rick Smith has obtained quotes from HTS Tree Care Professionals, Tom's Tree Service and Princeton Tree Care for tree removal and stump grinding of the 2 additional trees at Sked Street Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Smith recommends that the Borough accept quote #5767, dated May 19, 2023 submitted by HTS Tree Care Professionals for removal of 2 trees including stump grinding in the park; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennington's Open Space Trust Fund has been created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, which authorizes use of such funds for development and maintenance of lands acquired for recreation purposes, as determined by the governing body of the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Open Space Trust Fund for this purpose;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the removal of 2 additional trees at Sked Street Park as quoted in the attached proposal of HTS Tree Care Professionals.

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

<b>COUNCILMAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>N.V.</b>	<b>A.B.</b>	<b>COUNCILMAN</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>N.V.</b>	<b>A.B.</b>
Angarone	X				Marciante	M			
Chandler	X				Stern	S			
Gnatt	X				Valenza	X			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by Pennington Borough Council at a meeting on June 5, 2023.

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Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk