

**BOROUGH OF LEONIA  
COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**December 17, 2018**

**MOVER:** *W. ZIEGLER*  
**SECONDER:** *BERNADETTE FLAIM*

Adopted ✓	Bernadette Flaim	YES ✓	NO/NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Adopted as amended	Pat Fusco	✓				
Defeated	Maureen Davis	✓				
Tabled	Greg Makroulakis	✓				
Withdrawn	Mark Minichiello				✓	
Veto	Bill Ziegler	✓				

**RESOLUTION 2018-247 Opposition to Dino Park Area II in Overpeck Park**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Leonia welcomes prudent remediation of land and economic development in our area,

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Leonia gifted 23 land parcels in Overpeck to the County in 1951 for the express purpose of developing it for “park purposes” which includes free public access to public lands, and

**WHEREAS** the current proposal to permit a sizeable privately operated fee based Dinosaur amusement park in Overpeck’s Area II is neither prudent nor consistent with the commitment to develop the land for traditional “park purposes”, and

**WHEREAS** the size and scope of the commercial enterprise for Area II would set a dangerous precedent potentially subjecting Area IV in Leonia (Overpeck South adjacent to the Equestrian Center) to over commercialization as well, and

**WHEREAS** the current Area II proposal is in a heavily forested natural area intended to be kept as a nature preserve with forested trails/walking bridges and threatens to jeopardize one of few natural open space areas remaining, and

**WHEREAS** the available forested land in Bergen County is rapidly dwindling in the face of overdevelopment, and

**WHEREAS** the natural habitat of numerous flora and fauna would be disrupted and likely destroyed through the placement of a substantial commercial Dinosaur

Amusement Park complete with ziplines, a 400 car/bus paved parking lot, new sewage system, amphitheater, gift shop and food vending stalls, and

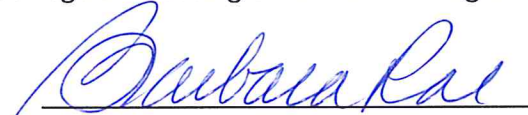
**WHEREAS**, the natural fauna will logically seek other areas to live including deer who will make their way to Leonia further exacerbating an already serious concern, and

**WHEREAS**, there are elements of the current plan which positively contribute to the public good including the remediation of land in Area II for the building of new trails, boardwalks and a footbridge across Teaneck Creek to expand public access to these open spaces without disturbing the ecosystems or the equilibrium of the open spaces themselves, and

**WHEREAS** Leonians have expressed their objections to the negative aspects of the proposal and have appeared before the Bergen County Board of Freeholders,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Borough of Leonia urges Bergen County officials to consider Overpeck Area II as an environmental preserve.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on December 17, 2018.

  
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BARBARA RAE, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk