

**RESOLUTION 2016-53
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
REJECTING BIDS FOR
WALKING PATHS AT FRANKLIN POND**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin sought Bids for the Walking Paths at Franklin Pond and the bid opening date was May 5, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the two (2) bids received totaled \$148,995.00 and \$180,000.00, respectively, and were well in excess of the estimated project cost and proposed appropriation of \$86,365.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Bid specifications included a reservation of the right to reject all bids by the Borough of Franklin; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a) permits the contracting unit to reject all bids where, "[t]he lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services" and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b) permits the contracting unit to reject all bids where, "[t]he lowest bid substantially exceeds the contracting unit's appropriation for the goods or services"; and,

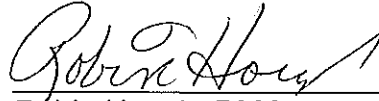
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Franklin to reject both bids given the circumstances established above including the substantial disparity (\$62,630.00) in the estimated project costs and the lowest bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Borough Mayor and Council that all Bids received for the Proposed Walking Paths for Franklin Pond are hereby rejected and each bidding entity's bid security shall be returned to it.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Borough Mayor and Council at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.



Robin Hough, RMC
Borough Clerk