

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2015

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Andrew Rock, Josiah Pierson, Leon Steinert and James Young. Also present were Stephen Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Visitors Present: Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Jeannine Haidl; Sergei Blair, Town & Country; Michael Smith, Cowan Associates

Visitors Comments: Jeannine Haidl, 705 Valley Road, had questions about the proposed skate park. She asked about the hours of operation, if cameras were on a live feed to the police station and whether or not we would be adding lighting. Mayor Sloyer responded that the hours would be the same as the current park, closed from dusk to dawn. Camera feeds are recorded. In the past we have provided recordings to the police of vandalism and restitution was made. If the park is being used after hours, residents should call the police and let them know. There are no plans to add lighting at this time. Ms. Haidl also inquired about unauthorized parking of campers and trailers by the clubhouse. This topic is to be addressed later in the meeting by Council.

Mayor's Report: Concerning the proposed action park, Mayor Sloyer spoke with the insurance company who quoted a yearly cost of \$750.00 for liability insurance once the park is available for use. Requirements include legal language about wearing helmets, knee pads and elbow pads. Signage would also need to state that the park is unsupervised and participation is at your own risk. Mayor Sloyer said he has a contractor who will assist with moving the equipment, and if we supply the anchors, they will donate their services to secure it. Mike Smith of Cowan Associates was asked to provide the cost of the anchors and to instruct the contractor and certify the installation. Mayor Sloyer asked Council for a decision about moving forward with the project since the YMCA wanted to remove the equipment as soon as possible. Mr. Young made a motion to move forward with the skate park, not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Mr. Rock. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert – aye. Motion carried.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 72059 is working towards a bronze award which requires that they plan a project and do all the work. They would like to clean up and beautify the East Greenville Borough nature meadow on Sixth Street. The plan is to remove trash and brush, plant and maintain flowers and small shrubs, mulch flowerbeds and a small path up to the Sixth Street curb, build and replace all broken and missing bird houses, purchase and install a small outdoor metal trash receptacle and construct a small retaining wall of rock along the steep slope off Sixth Street. Council approval is needed for them to move forward with this project. Liability waivers will be signed. Mr. Rock made a motion to allow Girl Scout Troop 72059 to do their merit project at the nature meadow. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Mr. Young made a motion to recognize a service anniversary for a long-time employee with a gift not to exceed \$300 or \$400, seconded by Mr. Rock. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert – aye. Motion carried.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer stated that concerning the Arlington street project, Cowan Associates was satisfied with the completion of the project and a motion is needed to allow them to prepare the closing paperwork to release the remaining funds of the contract price in the amount of \$8,100 and appoint Jim Fry as signatory. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve Cowan to prepare closing paperwork for the Arlington Street Project, release the remaining of the contracted price to GoreCon and nominate Jim Fry to sign on behalf of the Borough, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert – aye. Motion carried.

Water Committee: Nothing.

Zoning/Planning: An appeal was received from the property owner at 116 Cherry Street who was cited in District Court for accumulation of rubbish. Council took no action on the appeal; no relief was granted.

Road Committee: Washington Street chip seal was completed. It will be swept in about two weeks to gather the loose stone.

Street sweeping is on hold for now due to weather and scheduling issues.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal at an increase of 9%, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert – aye. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Fry informed Council that Road Supervisor Randy Reinhart will be out on sick leave for ten days.

Property Committee: Council discussed the parking of cars, a boat, campers and trailers at the clubhouse property. Council asked Mr. Fry to send notice to the owners of those vehicles and request that they be removed or they will be towed at the owner's expense. There was discussion about updating the ordinance to label that area as a fire zone. Concerning lighting at the clubhouse, it was recommended that the motion sensor lights be pointed down to prevent glare on the cameras.

Floyd Hersch is the apparent low bidder for the expansion project at the Bank and Washington Street parking lot. Mr. Fry wanted Atty. Kramer to review the bid documents before the job was awarded. The park bench at the Bank and Washington Street parking lot was stolen. Council recommends moving and anchoring the bench currently at the water plant to that location in conjunction with the expansion project along with a bicycle rack.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: The PA Department of Revenue recommends that our trash ordinance include wording that trash bags are required for disposal, which will make them exempt from sales tax. Mr. Fry would also like to remove from the ordinance the locations where they are sold and the cost since that information is determined by resolution. The ordinance update will be worked on in the next six months and presented to Council for review. Mr. Steinert shared with Council that the EZ Shoppe is interested in selling East Greenville trash bags again. Their location provides easy access for residents and is open in the evening. Council discussed the reasons why the bags were pulled from that location years ago. Council instructed Mr. Steinert to advise the EZ Shoppe to put their proposal in writing.

Waste Zero has the low bid of \$17,635.20 for 880 cases of trash bags. The budgeted amount is \$18,000.00. Mr. Rock made a motion to place the order with Waste Zero for our 2015 trash bags, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert – aye. Motion carried.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Mr. Fry advised that the Planning Commission is working on the Main Street Revitalization Plan. The plan needs to be reviewed every five years and rewritten completely every seven or eight years. The County Planning Commission is rewriting the plan. Part of that process includes a public meeting where people can voice their opinions and complete a survey. It is tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2015, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Once the date and times are firm, we will advertise on the website and with flyers on trash bag rolls.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson will keep Council posted on updates concerning the greenway study discussed at the multiregional meetings.

Emergency Management: Nothing.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry addressed the traffic issues in front of the Upper Perkiomen Middle School on Jefferson Street. He recently witnessed cars double parked, a bus parked in front of a fire hydrant and a car parked in front of a resident's driveway. The concern is that emergency vehicles may not be able to get access to the front of the building if necessary. The police are monitoring most mornings, but are not available as often in the afternoons. Mr. Fry recommends that the Borough add a fire lane in front of the main entrance to the school which will restrict parking at all times. Council approved Mr. Fry to proceed with gathering measurements and preparing an ordinance designating a fire zone for the next school year.

Correspondence: The owner of 325 Jefferson Street is requesting more time to make corrections to their sidewalk. Mr. Rock made a motion to give 325 Jefferson Street an extension on the sidewalk repair, except for anything major that needed to be done right away, until October 2015. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fry read the letter from the owners of 238 Main Street who are requesting relief from finance charges on their March 2015 water bill. The owners had a higher than normal water bill due to a leak. They set up a payment plan without the finance charges. They currently are in default of that payment plan. Council agreed that no relief should be given.

A thank you note was received from The Open Link for this year's donation.

Other Business: Concerning the lots on Arlington Street for sale by Roberta Simmons, Mayor Sloyer did some research into grants for open space. Pennsylvania DCED has a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Program that is accepting grant applications until June 30, 2015, with a 15% match. Representative Justin Simmons would be willing to write a letter of support. Mr. Fry said that an appraisal was done years ago on that property but would need to be updated. Council agreed to have the appraisal updated by the same appraiser.

Executive Session: Atty. Kramer called an executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss Arlington Street post completion issues. Councilman Ryan Pugh arrived during executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Kachmar".

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer