

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Saturday, March 12, 2016

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: James Griffin, Council President  
Karen Tutino, Council Vice-President  
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member  
Colleen Leonard, Council Member  
Jane Flanagan, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Ms. Karen Tutino, Council Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Manfredi began the meeting by outlining the goal-setting process, reviewing current goals and addressing what goals Council has for the Borough in the next year to identify objectives for the next budget.

**DISCUSSION OF GOALS**

**Council reviewed the 2015 and current 2016 goals which include:**

Community Center at the Fellowship House – programs to attract residents of all ages; Develop a Capital Improvements Plan at Parks and Recreation Facilities; Develop a Facility and Maintenance position; Erect a new border fence at the A-Field; Expand a summer basketball league; Expand kids and seniors programming; Funfest on Fayette Street; Increase landscape screening for aesthetic purposes as the Borough undergoes development; Install new and updated parks equipment; Systematically improve corner storm water management access and egress at select intersections; Increase property maintenance enforcement throughout Ward 1 and the entire Borough; Determine reuse of Leeland Manor; Address traffic issues in the Borough and analyze condition options; Consider alternatives for pedestrian crossing safety on Fayette Street; Construct a dog park at the end of West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Borough land; Maintain alleys within the Borough; and Repair curbing within the Borough at Borough Expense.

**Council also discussed goals that they would like to incorporate into planning for the year 2017 which include the following:**

Determine use for Leeland Mansion; Construct a dog park at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Borough property; Address traffic issues in the Borough and analyze condition options; Have a physical police presence at intersections experiencing traffic congestion; Repair curbing in the Borough as a Borough-budgeted expense; Accept alleys as Borough property and maintain the same; Address zoning issues such as encouraging single-family residences; A-Field current use and

future use; Sutcliffe Park – future use and prohibition of dogs in the park policy; Trash collection – considering automation or single-source contract; Community Center at the Fellowship House – private-partnership with YMCA for operations such as fitness center, swimming pool, or programming; Mark Wood Park – assuming operation and maintenance; Solicitations – amend ordinance to require registration, establish reasonable times for soliciting and prohibit soliciting where property owner displays no solicitation signage; Revising the open container ordinance; and Revising the duty tow ordinance.

In addition to the goals named above, Council considered matters related to Borough-owned properties such as the disposition of the Leeland Mansion, potential uses for the building including converting it into a senior center, and whether or not it should be added to the historic registry as had been previously discussed. Council also requested that Mr. Manfredi take inventory of all properties owned by the Borough to assist with their decision-making on real estate matters. Ms. Flanagan and Mr. Stokley addressed the idea to add a lighted walking track at the A-Field for residents to enjoy and Council discussed making improvements to the B-Field's tennis courts and the possibility of installing a recreational ice-rink as well. They also discussed incorporating additional signage on the fences at the parks and the need for trash pickup at Borough parks at least two times a week at a minimum.

Council also discussed traffic matters including the on-going need for speed control on the many roads of the Borough, issues involving the signal at North Lane, and potentially installing voice-activated crosswalks. Assessing curb and sidewalk repairs needed throughout the Borough was also named as a Council priority in the years to come.

Related to zoning matters, Mr. Stokley made a request that larger garages be permitted in the Borough. Council also discussed if there would be a way to discourage additional rental properties and the possibility of placing a moratorium on them.

During the meeting, Council members were each given opportunity to share their personal goals beyond the above categories. Ms. Flanagan expressed her desire for the Borough to build a stronger relationship with Conshohocken Elementary. Council also discussed the possibility for accepting donations and for sponsoring collections to assist those in need in the community; one such idea was to hold a boot collection.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment shared.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Following discussion, **Mr. Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard J. Manfredi,  
Borough Secretary