

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

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
Robert Frost, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael J. Savona, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pa. Mr. James Griffin, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Tina Sokolowski, Council Member Ward 3, read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements shared.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Manfredi read and explained the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) **Approve and adopt the February 3, 2016 and February 17, 2016 Borough Council Meeting Minutes.**
- b.) **Accept the February-ending Treasurer's Report.**
- c.) **Accept the 2015 Planning Commission Annual Report.**
- d.) **Authorize the Borough Manager to bind property liability and worker's compensation insurance for the April 1 renewal.**
- e.) **Consider Leeland Mansion future use at a future date.**

Ms. Tutino made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as read. Ms. Sokolowski asked for clarification on item e.) and Mr. Manfredi explained that item e.) did in fact mean that Leeland would be removed from consideration until a future date. With no further questions or comment, Ms. Barton seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider filling the Environmental Advisory Council vacancy and appointing a Chair.**

Mr. Manfredi explained that the Environmental Advisory Council has one vacancy and there is also a requirement in its enabling ordinance that Council appoints its Chair; at the Environmental Advisory Council's last meeting, the group made a recommendation to appoint Mr. Matthew Breidenstein as Chair and, if Council is so inclined, they could move in one or two motions to fill both positions.

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Matthew Breidenstein as Chair of the EAC as recommended by the EAC, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to appoint Rosemary Northcutt to fill the vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council for a term, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider accepting a fee in lieu of the comfort station at Equus in an amount determined by the Borough Manager with consideration of our professionals' recommendations.**

Mr. Manfredi shared that the developer had provided the actual amounts budgeted for the construction of the station and that the total amount was \$101,286.00. Mr. Manfredi then introduced Mr. Dwyer to answer any of Council's questions and Mr. Dwyer commented that the entire monetary amount that it would have cost to erect the station would be offered to Council to be used in any manner that Council deems appropriate.

Mr. Savona recommended that Council make a motion to waive the requirement of condition number four of Resolution 2015-12 that reads "Applicant shall obtain the approval of Borough Council for a proposed public amenity (comfort station) in order to exceed the building height limit of 85 feet in the SP-3 District, as proposed on the Plan" subject to the payment of a fee in lieu of the comfort station in an amount to be determined to be used for an amenity in the first ward. Ms. Tutino moved to approve the motion as recited by Mr. Savona, seconded by Ms. Sokolowski. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Manfredi announced that there was no new business to conduct.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Griffin called for public comment and Mr. George Gebhardt commented about the stop sign at the intersection of 12th and Maple across from the Plymouth Gardens development; on numerous occasions, drivers entering the development go through the stop sign recklessly and there is poor visibility there that could prevent them from seeing pedestrians in time. He offered several possible solutions for the problem and Mr. Griffin commented that he would speak to the Police Chief about the possibility of

officers being stationed at the site. Mr. Manfredi offered to reach out to the Township Manager and the General Manager of the complex on Mr. Gebhardt's behalf and Mr. Stokley also agreed to look into this matter as Mr. Gebhardt is a resident of his ward.

Mr. Griffin recognized Mr. Dan Sheedy in the audience and asked for an update on the plaques to be installed at the A-Field. Mr. Sheedy shared an update. Mr. Manfredi then offered that the Borough would post information provided by Mr. Sheedy to help him reach more alumni about the event with Council's consent and Council agreed to assist.

Ms. Rosemary Northcutt asked for an update on the launch of the new website. Mr. Manfredi replied that it is in final review and would go live very soon.

Mr. Stokley then commented that the Council's special meeting the prior Saturday was very productive and suggested that the next one be held at the rowing center. He also shared that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was a success and thanked Mr. Buek for purchasing the candy they gave out.

Ms. Stephanie Cecco, Director of Recreation Services and Parks, announced that the Donofrio Tournament would run from March 21st through April 12th and provided details.

Mayor Frost announced that the date of the Car Show would be June 4th this year and that he would provide additional updates soon.

Mr. Dennis Beaver commented that Sutcliffe Park's restrooms are very clean now since the execution of a new cleaning contract. Mr. Stokley reminded all that, prior to the new cleaners being hired, Mr. Dennis Beaver volunteered to clean those restrooms and Council again thanked him for his service to the community.

Mr. Al Rayner, Treasurer of the Conshohocken Art League, shared that when the league was in need recently, Council made a contribution that helped them to continue the art programs and he wished to thank them publicly for the gracious donation. Mayor Frost suggested the group hold an art contest where artists from the Conshohocken Art League could paint scenes of Conshohocken and the winner would display their work at the new Borough Hall. Mr. Rayner liked the idea and agreed to share the idea with their board.

Mr. Griffin announced that the Fun Fest would be coming back to Fayette Street this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi,
Borough Secretary