

JUNE 13, 2017
PROSPECT PARK, PA

The meeting of the Prospect Park Borough Council was held on June 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. President O'Connell called the meeting to order. President O'Connell led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: Mayor Harris, Mrs. Shallet, Mr. Bradley, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Faison and Mr. Schreiber. Mr. McBlain and Ms. Catania were also present. Mr. Jurek was absent.

MINUTES

President O'Connell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017 Council Meeting. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MRS. HURST

Mrs. Hurst read the Secretary's Report for the month of May 2017. Total deposits for the General Fund were \$263,587.16; Sewer Fund \$253,423.90 Liquid Fuels \$2.40 Escrow Fund \$11,887.50; Recycling Fund \$98.99. President O'Connell entertained a motion for approval of the Secretary's Report for May 2017. Mr. Bradley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

President O'Connell read over the agenda for tonight's meeting. No public comment.

REPORT OF ENGINEER – LISA CATANIA

CDBG 2015 – Park Lighting – Premier Concrete has completed the work on the site. Project is complete.

AQUA 2017 – AQUA representatives have identified 2017 projects. Schedule for this work has not been released, however, AQUA has been advised that work located within the boundaries of the school should be scheduled for summer months to avoid conflicts and has determined work will be tentatively done in July. Streets affected are:

- 11th Ave. – Pennsylvania to Washington
- 10th Ave. – Pennsylvania to Washington
- 9th Ave. – Lincoln to Washington (partial)
- 8th Ave. – Summit to Washington
- Summit Ave. – 9th to Chester Pike
- Pennsylvania Ave. – 9th to Chester Pike

Road Program 2017 – Contracts have been executed by Damon and have been forwarded to the Solicitor for review and execution by the Borough.

MS4 – Currently completing the mapping for the Prevention Plan required for submission in September.

Storm/Sanitary Issues:

Summit Avenue – Sinkhole behind the Summit Avenue homes will need to be repaired. I would recommend this be completed with the phase 2 work identified in our report of Summit Avenue 2014.

Riverside Sinkhole – sinkhole has been reported in front of 504 Riverside Avenue. The sinkholes appears to be related to a former trench excavation, however, it is unclear of what utility.

Washington Avenue Inlets – Two inlets at Washington and 11th have been inspected due to resident complaints of depressions in the roads. The adjustment ring (bricks) has been compromised and should be reset and grouted.

Norwood Avenue – Investigated a resident complaint with regard to the concrete swale and inlet in rear yard of 1644 Norwood Avenue. The inlet adjustment ring is compromised and caused undermining of the concrete swale. We suggest removal of the concrete swale and replacement with a vegetative swale to meet DEP Best Management Practice standards.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR HARRIS

There were three cars cited and nine complaints for the month of May.

A complaint from a resident was taken at last week's workshop regarding abandoned vehicles and overgrown grass and bushes in the backyard of a property, along with an overturned grill. Mayor Harris and Chief Engel checked out the property. Both vehicles have state inspection and the grill is upright. The backyard is overgrown with bushes; however, the grass is at an acceptable height.

PennDOT held a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the 420 bridge project. There was a presentation of the plans, which included reducing the southbound lane past 2nd Avenue to one lane, where the nature trail will be installed. Tincum Township had some pedestrian safety concerns. Mayor Harris and President O'Connell met with Tincum Township regarding a barrier where the lane will be closed to one. Tincum Township has offered to pay for the barrier. This project is not scheduled to begin until the spring of 2020. The ball is currently in PennDOT's hands as Route 420 is a state highway.

Community Day was held Saturday, June 10th at Witmer Field. A lot of planning went into this event. Thanks to the 4th of July Committee, the Recreation Board, the Youth Club and the Boy Scouts. The event was well attended. Thanks to Congressman Meehan and County Council Members John McBlain and Dave White for attending.

Mayor Harris has seen the chatter on Facebook about the foxes. The police are aware of the situation and residents are advised to call 911 if they see a fox. Animal Control has set traps. Two foxes were hit by cars and three have been trapped.

The Prospect Park School 8th grade graduation is this Thursday. Two students will be presented with scholarships from our recycling revenue.

Mayor Harris read the police report for the month of May 2017. Officers responded to 22 motor vehicle accidents. Each accident was investigated and reports filed. Officers responded to 27

domestic situations including violations of protection from abuse orders or other types of domestic. Each complaint was handled by an arrest or referred to the proper agency. Officers responded to 17 fire, burglary or robbery alarms. The Police Department assisted local ambulance and paramedic units on 45 medical emergencies. There were 3 motorist assistance calls, and 2 911 hang-up calls. There were a total of 343 complaints.

REPORT OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE – MRS. SHALLET

Mrs. Shallet, along with the Workplace Safety Committee and Health Secretary, attended the Workplace Safety Seminar. A lot of knowledge was gained, along with the Borough receiving a 5% discount on our insurance.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND PARKS - MR. BRADLEY

The plumbing issue as the firehouse has been taken corrected. The mulch at Witmer Field has been replaced. Mulch at Park Square and Moore's Lake will be replaced soon. The tennis nets for Moore's Lake have been ordered.

REPORT OF SOLICITOR – MR. MCBLAIN

Mr. McBlain stated that there are two action items on the agenda for this evening.

REPORT OF FINANCE – PRESIDENT O'CONNELL

PAYROLL - All members have a copy of the Payroll Report for May 2017 which totaled \$119,540.56. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the payroll for May 2017, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS LIST – All members have a copy of the Bill List for the month of May 2017 to be paid in June 2017 in the amount of \$497,043.17. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the Bill List, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: All members have a copy of the Treasurer's Report for June 2017. Total cash balance General Fund: \$1,631,476.93; Sewer Fund: \$663,113.92; Highway Fund: \$264,864.60; Escrow Fund: \$177,792.09 Recycling Fund: \$4,744.77. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mrs. Shallet. All in favor, motion carried.

Delaware County Planning Department invited us to be part of the Downtown District Project. They are looking to meet with Council to discuss the grant. There would be no cost to the Borough.

REPORT OF PLANNING AND ZONING - MR. MOORE

The Planning Commission met and discussed the 420 Bridge Project. Mr. Moore looks forward to meeting with Tinicum Township to discuss the project further.

Each member of the Planning Commission has been assigned ordinances to review and recommend updates as necessary.

Mr. Moore read The Zonings Officer Report for the month of May: 180 annual apartment unit inspections; 3 single annual inspections; 18 sale of property inspections; 44 zoning & permit reviews.

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. JUREK

Mr. Jurek was absent. President O’Connell thanked the police and fire departments for all their help at Community Day and the fireworks on Saturday.

President O’Connell entertained a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 1341 adding the Act 44 Drop Program to the FOP Agreement. Mr. Schreiber made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Faison. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORT OF LIBRARY AND RECREATION – MRS. FAISON

June 17th, the Library will hold “Kid’s Fun Day” beginning at 11:00 a.m., along with the Annual Children’s book sale from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Science in the Summer “Science of Sports” will be held July 17th and 18th. Splish, Splash Story Time will be held Wednesday’s in July at 1:00 p.m. Flyers are available in the library for all their events.

Thanks to the 4th of July Committee, Recreation Board, the Youth Club and the Boy Scouts for the excellent job at Community Day.

Mrs. Faison is working on the summer concerts and two movie nights.

Mrs. Faison will get with Mr. Costanzo to find out about our new Junior Councilperson will be for swearing in at the September meeting.

Blackthorn will be performing in Park Square Thursday, June 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crazy Doggs will be selling their products.

Mrs. Faison made a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 1340 governing the administration of the Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Schreiber. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MR. SCHREIBER

Grass cutting in the parks continues. The new recycling and trash trucks are in service. The old trash truck was sold. The inlets continue to be cleaned.

Mr. Schreiber heard great things about Community Day.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON – SHELBY EDWARDS

President O’Connell announced that Shelby graduated and is no longer our Junior Councilperson. President O’Connell wished her the best and stated that it was a pleasure to work with her. A new Junior Councilperson will be appointed in September.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Harris stated that the Memorial Day Parade went well and thanked the highway department.

Last Friday Mayor Harris attended the D.A.R.E. graduation. Mayor Harris thanked Chief Engel and John Saddic. The winners will be attending the July meeting to read their essays.

Mrs. Shallet just wanted to thank the D.A.R.E. program as well. She stated that two kids, approximately 4th graders, approached her to say that they see drugs in the street. Mrs. Shallet stated that the kids are clearly paying attention in the D.A.R.E. class.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTE

Joe Scarpato, 824 7th Avenue, has concerns about the house next door to him. There are buckets on the roof and the backyard is overrun with bamboo. Mayor Harris stated that we are aware of the property. A letter was sent last week indicating they have 30 days to correct the issues. Mr. Scarpato said that he does not like the different color stucco. Code Enforcer John Cepis stated that unfortunately, unless the structure is unsound, we cannot do anything about the stucco. Mr. Scarpato stated he is concerned about the children living there. There is no air conditioning. Mayor Harris assured Mr. Scarpato that we are on top of the situation.

Mr. Zedekiah, owner of 810 and 812 7th Avenue, has the same concerns as Mr. Scarpato. He thanked Code Enforcer John Cepis for all his help.

Teresa Scarpato reiterated her husband's comments and stated that one of the children approached her and asked her for food. She is extremely worried about the children and wants to help. Chief Engel indicated the police have been there several times and the house and that there are special needs children living there. He said the house was in order and saw no neglect. President O'Connell stated that is she feels help is needed to call 911.

Mrs. Scarpato had concerns about 420 going to one lane with the heavy traffic that already exists. Mayor Harris explained that it would be the southbound lane, not the heavily travelled northbound lane.

Greg Suthpin, 852 11th Avenue, thanked Council for promoting Community Day. He also thanked the 4th of July Committee, Youth Club and Recreation Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

President O'Connell entertained a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Faison made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah A. Hurst
Borough Secretary