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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2017 ~ 7:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, Municipal Building
610 East McMurray Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Roll Call

Present: Frank Arcuri, James Berquist, David Ball, Robert Lewis, Monica Merrell, Gary Stiegel Jr., Frank Kosir Jr.

Also

Paul F. Lauer, Township Manager
Ryan Jeroski, Assistant Manager
John Smith, Township Solicitor
Mark A. Zemaitis, Township Engineer
Ed Zuk, Planning Director

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Arcuri arrived at 7:33 PM and did not vote on approval of the Minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 10, 2017

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** Monica Merrell

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 0, Abstain = 2)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Kosir Jr., Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

Abstain: Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist

2. Special Reports

2.A. Cheryl Rickens

Cheryl Rickens, an Emergency Medical Services Specialist for UPMC, attended the Council meeting to recognize the Township's first responders who saved the life of Township resident Sharon Lunney on February 28, 2017. The Township's response to calls for emergency medical services is unique in that the Peters Township Ambulance Service is supported by first responders from the Police and Fire Departments.

2.B. Mark Imgrund

The Montour Trail was chosen as Pennsylvania's "2017 Trail of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The recognition ceremony is scheduled for June 1, 2017.

Mr. Imgrund updated Council on current projects regarding the Trail. Upper St. Clair is interested in connecting the railroad tracks that run by Frosty Valley Golf Club to the Montour Trail just to the western side of Tom Robinson's property before the last trail bridge crossing Chartiers Creek.

2.C. Shelter #4 Playground

The new playground construction is complete and open for public use.

2.D. 2017 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence

The Township Manager accepted this award on behalf of the Township for 'Fiscal Accountability and Best Management Practices' at a ceremony hosted by Governor Wolf.

3. Audience Comments

Kim Mitchell, 240 King Richard Drive – approached Council to discuss pool options for the Township

Mr. Arcuri informed Mrs. Mitchell issues related to pools will be discussed at this meeting at a later time.

4. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business

5. New Business

5.A. Award of a contract for the construction of a restroom and concession stand at Field #5

The Township Manager reported that the 2017 Operating budget includes an appropriation of \$600,000 for the purpose of constructing a restroom and concession stand at Peterswood Park Field #5. The Peters Township Soccer Association has entered into a contract with the Township to cover 50% of the cost of this project up to \$300,000. Seven (7) bids were received and opened on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. The low bid was submitted by Raffle Construction of Ruffs Dale, PA.

The Manager suggested that Council may want to consider a 'deduct alternate' regarding a stainless steel railing. Mrs. Merrell asked if there is a difference in maintenance of the chain link fence as opposed to the stainless steel. The Township Manager responded that it is such a small section that maintenance will not be an issue.

Shannon Berry – President, Peters Township Soccer Association – believes this is an essential project as 1,200 kids use this field. Mrs. Merrell wanted to clarify whether construction would begin after soccer season or as soon as the bid is awarded. Mr. Zemaitis responded that the contract states the anticipated start date for construction is June 15th. Mrs. Merrell asked if the project is to be completed by April, 2018 and Mr. Zemaitis stated that is correct and believes it should actually be done by Thanksgiving. Mrs. Merrell asked if the building will include storage. Mr. Berry responded that it does include room for storage of concessions and the restrooms. Mr. Zemaitis added that there will be a room for the Township and one for the Soccer Association as well.

Motion: To award a contract to Raffle Construction for the base bid of \$573,000 to include the stainless steel railing

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** James Berquist

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.B. Guiding principles governing the development of the Peters Hill Park Master Plan

The Township Manager updated Council on activity concerning Peters Hill Park. The Board of View has been scheduled for June 16, 2017 in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Merrell asked if the pool is going to be removed. The Manager responded that the pool will be drained and removed. The debris will be removed and the area filled in.

Mr. Kosir believes Guideline #6 is going to be an issue until the eminent domain action is done with by creating a risk by including it. Mrs. Merrell agrees with Mr. Kosir.

Guideline #5 was discussed at length and concluded with the agreed upon change to read "The Park will incorporate a community aquatics facility".

Mr. Lewis addressed the fact that #1 is redundant and should be removed from the Guidelines.

The Guiding Principles have been amended as follows:

1. The park will incorporate recreational facilities not found in other park facilities
2. The park shall include picnic facilities
3. If deemed feasible, the Clubhouse shall be retained as a community/conference center
4. The park will incorporate a community aquatics facility
5. Consideration will be given to moving other Municipal facilities to this site, including the Peters Township Tennis Center
6. Shared access for the future school site and the park along East McMurray and Center Church Roads will be incorporated into the design
7. Access to Arrowhead Trail, as well as a walking trail contained within the site, will be incorporated into the design
8. The Township will coordinate and share costs with the School District on the development of the site as it relates to ingress and egress, as well as other share site development costs such as storm water controls
9. The Township and the School District should work together to make the best use of the property

Motion: To approve the Guiding Principles, as noted.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Robert Lewis, **Seconded by** David Ball

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.C. Appointment to Peters Hill Park Master Plan Steering Committee

Motion to appoint Mr. Lewis

Motion: To appoint Mr. Lewis to the Peters Hill Park Master Plan Steering Committee

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Arcuri, **Seconded by** Frank Kosir Jr.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

Brittany Smith, Patrick Airhart, and Jeff Crummie have been selected to represent the Parks and Rec Board

Mr. Arcuri feels the Tennis Center should be represented by up to two (2) people as well. Two (2) residents have come forward to express interest in the Steering Committee. Mr. Kosir would like Council to interview them and, if need be, advertise for more interested residents for this position.

Motion: To appoint Brittany Smith, Patrick Airhart and Jeff Crummie to the Steering Committee

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Arcuri, **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

Gerry Coscia has been selected to represent the Environmental Equality Board

Motion: To appoint Gerry Coscia to the Steering Committee

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stiegel Jr., **Seconded by** Frank Arcuri

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

The School Board recommended Minna Allison and William Merrell

Motion: To appoint William Merrell to the Steering Committee

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 2, Abstain = 0)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

No: Frank Arcuri, James Berquist

Motion to appoint Frank Kosir

Motion: To appoint Frank Kosir to the Steering Committee

Action: Approve, **Moved by** James Berquist, **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Robert Lewis

Abstain: Monica Merrell

Motion to appoint Mrs. Merrell as Alternate

Motion: To appoint Monica Merrell as the Alternate to the Steering Committee

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** Gary Stiegel Jr.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 2, Abstain = 1)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., Robert Lewis

No: Frank Arcuri, James Berquist

Abstain: Monica Merrell

A public announcement will be made in search of three (3) 'At-Large' residents for the Committee. The Township Manager will screen the candidates and arrange interviews for up to three (3) candidates.

5.D. Special Permit for South Hills Lincoln Mercury for a tent sale from 5.10.17 to 5.31.17

Motion: To approve the special permit for South Hills Lincoln Mercury for a tent sale

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Arcuri, **Seconded by** Frank Kosir Jr.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.E. Resolution authorizing the opening of a bank account at Washington Financial

Motion: To approve Resolution 04-03-17 to open a bank account at Washington Financial

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Kosir Jr., **Seconded by** David Ball

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

5.F. Discussion of a proposed regulation governing storage of garbage/recycling bins

The rule the Township is proposing is to place the bins behind the face of the house. Council agreed with the premise of the regulation but felt it needed to be adjusted since not all homeowners have the ability to store garbage and recycling bins beyond the face of their house. This regulation will come back to Council at a later date.

6. Payroll and Bills

Motion: To pay the Payroll and Bills as follows: General Fund: Checks # 147279 – 147361; Payroll

Account: Checks # V115091 – V115224; 44698 - 44699

Action: Approve, **Moved by** James Berquist, **Seconded by** Frank Kosir Jr.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Frank Kosir Jr., Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Monica Merrell, Robert Lewis

7. Correspondence – There was no correspondence

8. Reports – Reports submitted for review and discussion

Council likes the new format of the Police Report. Mrs. Merrell would like the part-time officers identified within the report.

The work Verizon has been conducting within the right-of-way will be completed in the near future. Mr. Zemaitis and Mr. DiLoreto have been keeping tabs on the work and will inspect the finished product upon completion to make sure it has been done to the satisfaction of the residents.

9. Miscellaneous

9.A. Memorandum from Municipal Risk Management Worker’s Compensation Pooled Trust dated April 7, 2017 regarding dividend check.

Council approved allowing departments to undertake small projects in recognition of the dividend received by the Township

9.B. Turning movements at the intersection of East McMurray and Bittersweet Circle

9.C. Board recognition event will be held on May 2, 2017 at 5:30 at the Valley Brook Country Club

9.D. Morton Salt contract extension

Council approved extending the contract under the SHACOG Program

9.E. WPIAL baseball and softball playoffs to be held at Township facilities

Ms. Harmel suggests reducing the fee from \$100/hour to \$50/game for these events.

Motion: To approve the reduction of fees for WPIAL playoff games to be held at Township facilities

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Frank Arcuri, **Seconded by** James Berquist

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 2, Abstain = 0)

Yes: David Ball, Frank Arcuri, Gary Stiegel Jr., James Berquist, Robert Lewis

No: Frank Kosir Jr., Monica Merrell

Mrs. Merrell mentioned that the Peters Township Library was the only library in the state to get the ‘Thinking Money’ exhibit. She highly recommends it for everyone.

Mr. Stiegel has concerns that tractor trailers are still traveling on Thompsonville Road. He would like a weight limit of 10 tons. Mr. Zemaitis will look into that and return to Council with that information.

10. Next Agenda

April 20th traffic calming update

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM

Paul F. Lauer
Township Manager

There was a brief executive session.