



Slippery Rock Borough Workshop Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm

Jeff Campbell Called the Meeting to Order At 7:00

Jeff Campbell led Council in The Pledge of Allegiance

Shawn Pugh Performed the Roll Call. Those Present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

Citizen Input:

Mike Pavelek addressed Council regarding a passive park lot that the Borough owns in Poplar Forest. Volunteers have maintained the empty lot but a small section of it has become overgrown with dead trees and high brush. Mr. Pavelek is requesting that the Borough help maintain its property. Alan Maust, David Walters, Diane Pavelek, and Sally Neidig all spoke in support of the Borough helping to maintain the property by clearing out the small section that has become an eyesore and a habitat for groundhogs and snakes.

Gizella Goyak addressed council in favor of allowing the lot to keep its natural trees and shrubs. The trees and shrubs are growing and absorbing water. Natural landscaping encourages native plants and pollinators which attract monarch butterflies and beneficial insects. She stated that as a property owner and a taxpayer, she would like to keep a balance for the lot and is requesting that the Borough leave the small section of the lot a natural habitat.

Doug Cook suggested that the Planning Commission look at the Passive Park issue and work with the Borough solicitor to come up with a decision on how to address the issue.

Reports:

Jondavid Longo: None

Lauren Christmann: None

John Hicks: None

Alex Tuten: Alex reported that The Children's Advocacy Center is hosting a Bar B Q this Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Moraine State Park from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Ron Steele: None

Royce Lorentz: Royce thanked volunteers who have helped with the landscaping of the library grounds.

Denton Zeronas: Denton reported that he ran another successful outdoor adventure program at park. He plans on running another camp in the fall.

Jeff Campbell: Jeff reported that two streetlights in the Borough blew over in town. The streetlights are in poor condition and need to be addressed immediately.

Borough Updates:

Comprehensive Plan: Shawn Pugh reported that he and Christian Laskey continue to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Municipal Infrastructure Program: Christian Laskey is working with the Slippery Rock Street Department to pinpoint projects within the Borough that cannot be done in house. A projection of cost will be done as the program will likely be a match grant.

E-Waste Event: Christian Laskey and Serafine Hauling are having an E-Waste event on Saturday August 20, 2022 starting at 10:00 am. Slots are available in 10 min intervals. The event will be held at the Boro building parking lot.

High Grass and Weed Issues: Christian Laskey continues to look at ordinances regarding high grass and weeds.

Vacant Lot: Shawn Pugh reported that we are on list to have the vacant lot surveyed.

Discussion Items:

Kurt Reasner Zoning Hearing Board: (See Attached) The motion to add Kurt Reasner to the ZHB will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Light-Up Night Request (See Attached) The light up night request to close South Main Street from Franklin Street to Cooper Street on Saturday November 19, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 8:00 pm will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Intoximeter (DMT): (See Attached) The breathalyzer that the Borough police use is owned by the University. The DMT broke. The University is asking that the Boro pay for ½ of the new one. It would be joint owned. The Borough share of the cost is \$5,028.25. Approval of sharing the cost for the new DMT will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Downtown Redevelopment Grant (Street Lights): (See Attached) Shawn Pugh spoke with Ron Jordan, a Planning Commission member who works with a company that sells streetlight poles to contractors. Ron Jordan stated that he can get them at cost. Shawn Pugh also spoke with Ben Levinger from Downtown Redevelopment. He is a grant writer and is willing to write a grant for the Borough if hired. Lastly, Shawn Pugh spoke with Cory Shaffer, from Penn Dot. Cory stated that the Borough may qualify for an ARLE grant that could possibly pay for streetlights. The Borough would not be able to apply for the grant until early 2023. Council decided to assess the streetlights that are in immediate need and remove them until a decision on how to purchase new ones can be made.

Comprehensive Plan Consultant: Denny Puko met with Shawn Pugh and Jeff Campbell to finish the Technical Assistance grant. He is recommending that the Borough hire a Comprehensive Plan consultant. The Borough may be eligible for a DCED grant. It is a 50% match program. The Borough can use work hours already done toward our 50%. Applying for the DCED grant, aiding in hiring a consultant for the Comprehensive Plan, will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Evergreen Court: Shawn Pugh reported that the street department has declared that Evergreen Court is in much worse shape than previously thought. It is in disrepair and needs to be paved. Shawn Pugh will get a price from Shields Paving and after approval from Penn Dot, Evergreen Court will be added to the paving projects being done currently.

Citizen Input:

Mike Pavelek commented that he is happy to see that the Borough building is now secure and applauded Council on taking the safety measures.

Councilperson's Remarks:

John Hicks expressed his appreciation for Council in how they handled the meetings where people from two different sides were able to speak and be heard respectfully.

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda to discuss, Jeff Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Steele made the motion and Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:35pm.