



Slippery Rock Borough Workshop Meeting

Slippery Rock Borough Building 306 E Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday October 4, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 7:58 pm

Denton Zeronas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Mayor Longo led the Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shawn Pugh performed the roll call. Those present: Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh, Council members Jeff Campbell and Royce Lorentz were not in attendance.

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Gizella Goyak (See Attached) Gizella stated that she is working with Ryan Stauffer from the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. He will prepare an assessment and it will be provided to Council members. Gizella is asking that Council not remove trees and bushes until it can be determined what all can be preserved.

Mike Pavelek addressed Council regarding the Passive Park asking that it be cleared and maintained in an appealing manner.

Reports:

Jondavid Longo: Jondavid reported that the Butler Eagle's Business Matters newest edition included a piece on Slippery Rock. He also reported that a \$25,000 anonymous donation was made to the Grand Ole Flag Project. A deposit on the flag will be made soon. Finally, he reported that Oktoberfest went well on Saturday despite the rainy weather.

Lauren Christmann: None

John Hicks: John reported that he was pleased with the candidates that were interviewed for the Borough Manager position.

Alexandra Tuten: Alex reported that Village Fest was terrific as always.

Ron Steele: Ron Steele reported that the Borough received complaints about the paving of Old Forge Road and Willow Drive. The roads are pooling water. The Borough is in contact with Shields Paving regarding the issues.

Royce Lorentz: None

Denton Zeronas: Denton reported that there is a family fun day this Saturday at the Slippery Rock Park from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be many family fun activities.

Jeff Campbell: None

Borough Updates:

Poplar Forest Passive Park: Shawn Pugh stated that we are waiting for the survey from Graff Surveying to come back. The Mayor and Christian Laskey have both spoken with the surveying company and they have been assured that the survey should be back by the middle of next week. Ron Steele added his opinion that the passive park should be maintained by removing all dead trees and brush and allowing Poplar Forest residents to plant new trees.

PCCD Application and Delta Development: Shawn Pugh stated that Christian Laskey and Chief Fedokovitz have been working on the application for a grant that will pay for dash cameras, body cameras and license plate readers.

Borough Building Roof Replacement: Shawn Pugh stated that the Borough is looking at replacing the borough building roof. Once Council determines what materials to use to replace the old roof, an RFP will be created and it will be sent out to bid.

Culvert Pipe Replacement on New Castle Street by Slippery Rock Firehall: A sink hole has developed in the Parking lot of the fire hall. After further investigation it was determined that the project was larger than originally speculated. The Borough Street Department will ask the Slippery Rock Township for help with equipment and labor. If it is not something that can be fixed by their combined efforts, an RFP will be created and it will go out for bid.

Borough Manager Search: Shawn Pugh stated that interviews for the Borough Manager position have taken place. Seven individuals were interviewed for the first round. It has been narrowed down to three candidates. The second round of interviews will be held on October 12, 2022. If the committee chooses a candidate from those three, a 3rd meeting will be held to allow Council to decide and vote on hiring said candidate.

Discussion Items:

Slippery Rock Park Board Vacancy: Ron Steele made the motion to nominate Alex Tuten to the Slippery Rock Park Board. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed following a roll call vote with Denton Zeronas being the only abstaining vote. It will be moved to next week's agenda for final approval.

2023 Slippery Rock Park Budget: (See Attached) There was a discussion regarding the submitted 2023 park budget. Approval of the 2023 park budget was moved to next week's agenda following a roll call vote with Denton Zeronas being the only abstaining vote.

Citizen Input:

Allan Maust addressed the passive park stating that volunteers have been pulling out and burning dead limbs and shrubs. Alex Tuten stated that it should not have been touched until Borough Council had it surveyed. Alan stated that it needs to happen sooner while there is help and good weather. The mayor echoed Alex Tuten's remarks that no work should be done until the survey comes back and the solicitor gives her approval.

Mike Pavelec stated that residents have volunteered to purchase and plant new trees in the passive park. He is asking Council's permission to allow them to do that.

David Gordley: addressed Council regarding the flooding that occurred at his business, causing over \$30,000 in damage. He is seeking answers for what is being done to prevent this from happening again. Council advised that Gateway Engineers had previously assessed his property and advised that his property has adequate drainage outlets. Mr. Gordley was asked if he had sought flood insurance and he stated that he had not. Council will have Gateway come back out to reevaluate it for 3rd time to see what can be done to alleviate the storm water issue on his property.

Councilperson's Remarks: None

Adjournment:

With nothing further on the agenda, Denton Zeronas asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Steele made the motion. Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion carried, adjourning at 7:58 pm.