

Slippery Rock Borough Workshop Meeting

306 East Water Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Tuesday June 6, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 8:37 pm

Jeff Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Christian Laskey performed the roll call. Those present: Jeff Campbell, Denton Zeronas, Lauren Christmann, John Hicks, Royce Lorentz, Ron Steele, Alex Tuten, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Borough Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Christian Laskey.

Public Recording Announcement: None

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only: None

Reports:

Jondavid Longo: Mayor Longo reported that Jeff Campbell is donating his time and services to complete the electrical work in the park at the flag site. The Contractor will begin landscaping the site next week. The flag will be up and illuminated on July 1st with a raising the flag ceremony starting at 12:30 to kick off the Independence Day Celebration. It will be followed by the South Main Street Festival from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm ending with fireworks by Sky King Fireworks.

Lauren Christmann: None

John Hicks: None

Alexandra Tuten: Alex reported that she would like to see Council extend an offer to the high school to see if there is interest in a student becoming a Junior Councilperson. The student would attend meetings and report any concerns the students have for their community and update council on school events. Alex stated she will reach out to the school to see if there is interest and urge students to submit letters of interest.

Ron Steele: Ron asked when the paving and tar and chipping would begin. Christian Laskey stated that the Borough is waiting on Sontagg Excavating for a start date for the paving and base repair. The tar and chipping will be done by Youngblood paving 30 days after the paving is completed. Ron asked if the remains of the home that had burned down on Cooper Street had been removed. Christian Laskey stated that it has.

Royce Lorentz: Royce reported that Chris Abbott, who works with GIS, is interested in collaborating with the Borough on future mapping projects. Christian Laskey has spoken with Mr. Abbott and plans on meeting with him next week. There are costs associated with GIS programs that were not anticipated in the 2023 budget. Christian will look to work the cost into next year's budget.

Denton Zeronas: Denton reported that last Tuesday, he and other Borough employees cleaned up the passive park area. He also stated that the park's Play Safe Program started yesterday, and that the park's Adventure Camps will start next week. Lastly, he stated that he continues to work on repairs to Boller Drive.

Jeff Campbell: Jeff asked if a PA One Call had been done for the flag site. Christian stated that it had been.

Borough Updates:

Park Electricity: Christian Laskey reported that Bronder replaced two poles in the park that needed repair.

Discussion Items:

West Water Street – Speed Limit Request: (See Attached) The request to lower the speed limit from 35 to 25 mph was discussed. Denton made the Motion to advertise the proposed amendment to the ordinance to decrease the speed limit on West Water Street from 35 mph to 25 mph. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Fee Resolution: (See Attached) The reduction in fees for businesses that was previously adopted is set to expire this month. The resolution will need to be amended to include or change fees for Solicitation Permits and mobile food vendors. The amendment will be placed on the 6-20-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Section 375-63 Building Height Amendment: There was a discussion regarding the building height restrictions in the Over Lay District. This proposed amendment to the Borough's ordinance would change the height restriction in the Overlay district to 80 feet. The amendment will be placed on the 6-20-2023 agenda for vote.

Section 98 Alcoholic Beverages: Exceptions Amendment: There was a discussion regarding the proposed amendment that would allow public consumption of alcohol for special events. It has been moved to the 6-20-2023 agenda for vote.

RFP #01-2023 for Borough Building Roof: (See Attached) John Hicks made the motion to advertise the RFP for the Borough's Roof Replacement Project. Alex Tuten provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Advertisement of the July 25, 2023, Hearing: Denton Zeronas made the motion to authorize the advertisement of the public hearing date for July 25, 2023, for Ordinance 173, Volunteer Tax Credit. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Bare Root Tree Grant Program Application: (See Attached) Christian Laskey notified Council of a DCNR grant that would provide up to 20 large trees to be used for the park and Borough right aways. Council was in favor of the Borough Manager applying for the grant.

America250 Resolution 471: Mayor Longo reported that the year 2026 will mark America's 250th year anniversary. The America 250 Foundation is designing and leading a comprehensive and inclusive celebration. He is asking Council to draft a resolution joining a coalition of municipalities across the country supporting America 250. Resolution 471 will be placed on the 6-20-2023 meeting agenda for vote.

Citizen Input: None

Councilperson's Remarks:

John Hicks asked what year Slippery Rock will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. Slippery Rock was established in 1841 making it 182 years old.

Alex Tuten asked who owned the gravel lot on South Main Street by Cornish Drive. Christian Laskey reported that it is the property of SRU.

Royce Lorentz (See Attached) compiled a building roof inventory for the Borough, park and Municipal Authority.

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 and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.