

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2016**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session October 5, 2016 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, McGlone and Thomas. Also attending were Solicitor Thompson and members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell and Councilor Feldman did not attend.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss legal issues.

Recognition/Awards – Members of Scout Troop 65 from Exton attended the meeting as a requirement of their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending September 30, 2016) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2016, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (September 7, 2016 and September 21, 2016) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7 and 21, 2016, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Councilor Dague abstained, he did not attend the meeting).

Citizens to be Heard

Glenn Johnson, 157 Jefferson Avenue, commented on the request by residents for residential parking permits for Jefferson Avenue.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2016-05 Amending Chapter 274 Vehicles & Traffic (Metered Parking/Permit Parking Municipal Lots) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-05, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Parks & Recreation Commission (Appointment) – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Ryan Handforth to the Parks & Recreation Commission, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Commission (Update) – Kevin Scalfaro, Chairman, provided an update on the proposed disc golf course for Kerr Park. Tom Price provided additional information on the course and reviewed the course layout indicated on an aerial map of Kerr Park. After discussion, Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the construction of the disc golf course in Kerr Park as presented, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Commission Kayak Launch Pad – Kevin Scalfaro, Chairman, requested Borough Council's support to install a kayak launching pad for the Brandywine Creek. Mr. Yuhas informed Mr. Scalfaro there is a natural launching area by the Log House. A letter of support from Borough Council for the kayak launching pad will be provided to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

527 W. Lancaster Ave. (Fence) – A request for construction of a fence at 527 W. Lancaster Ave. was presented to Borough Council. Mr. Yuhas reviewed the information provided to Council. After discussion, Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the construction of a fence at

527 W. Lancaster Ave., conditioned upon the fence being in line with the neighboring fence, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Code Revisions to Chapter 249 – Streets and Sidewalks – Mr. Yuhas reported the Borough's sidewalk ordinance is outdated and needs to be revised due to PennDOT specs that have not been around for years. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Yuhas prior to next meeting.

Train Station Update – Mr. Sullins reported the Hankin Group is participating in negotiations to become a partner in the new train station and complete a development on the western side that would flow into the eastern side. PennDOT had a concern that if they enter into an agreement with the developer they would not be responsible for the future maintenance of the train station platforms and parking lots. PennDOT agreed to turn over the revenue for the parking to the Borough in exchange for routine maintenance for the platforms and parking lots. Hankin also provided a letter stating they will be a partner with the Borough and the Borough would be responsible for the maintenance at the new train station. Councilor McGlone made a motion to authorize a letter of support be mailed to PennDOT stating the Borough will partner with the Hankin Group to provide the maintenance for the new train station, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Chestnut Street Bridge Update – A construction agreement with Amtrak is the only outstanding item to be finalized. We are looking at construction during 2017.

PennDOT will be working on the Lancaster Avenue bridge in November.

Mayor & Council Updates

Councilor Dague reported the Library Love event was held at the Downingtown Country Club and \$8,000 was raised.

The Log House was opened with about 35 visitors and will open again the first Sunday in November.

Councilor McGlone reported the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Home for the Holidays, first annual home decorating contest for the holiday season with a \$5.00 admission to be split between the Wounded Warrior Project and Downingtown Parks and Recreation Commission; prizes will be awarded.

Vice President Rakoff announced the DMWA will be flushing hydrants tonight and tomorrow night.

Steve Plaughter reported the 2016 FallFest was the most successful event to date.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary