

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022**

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The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. The meeting was also held virtually via remote audio and video conferencing.

Council President John Parks called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Jiang Li .....present  
Brian S. Malkin .....present  
Lucas R. Myslinski, Vice President .....present  
Uday Palled .....present  
John P. Parks, President .....present  
Thomas C. Schwartzmier, Second Vice President .....present  
Junior Councilperson Jackie DiGiacomo .....present  
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe .....present

**BOROUGH ENGINEER:**

Kevin Brett, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. ....present

**SOLICITOR:**

Robert Max Junker, Babst Calland .....present

**STAFF:**

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Director .....present  
Gary Bucuren, Superintendent of Public Works.....present  
Cindy Crain, Finance Director/Borough Treasurer.....present  
Rege Ebner, Borough Manager .....present  
Walt Healy, Police Chief.....present  
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary .....present  
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....present

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022 FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP –**

In 2003, the first Junior Councilperson, Jacob Ramsey, recommended that Borough Council establish a scholarship fund for students in the Borough of Franklin Park. The funds for the community scholarships are raised by the Borough from the ad revenue generated by the Borough newsletters, private donations, and through participation in the annual golf outing and wine and cheese event - no tax dollars are used. Thanks to all individuals and businesses for your contributions over the years. Scholarships were first awarded in 2004, and since that time, the Borough has awarded \$176,000 in scholarship funds to 177 high school seniors from Franklin Park.

The 10 students who were chosen to receive scholarships this year have all demonstrated a high level of academic performance, extensive involvement in their school community, and provided countless hours performing volunteer work to benefit others. Mr. Parks noted that three recipients are receiving their scholarships this evening, and the remaining seven recipients received their scholarships at the May regular meeting.

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Mr. Parks then announced the names of the students who are receiving their 2022 Franklin Park Community Scholarship this evening.

1. Jackie DiGiacomo – Attending Allegheny College to study Environmental Science and will also participate in track and field
2. Cole Dorn – Attending St. Francis University to study Physician Assistant Science and will also play volleyball
3. Hannah Shin – Attending Harvard University to study Government and Global Health Policy

The remaining seven scholarship recipients were previously recognized at the May meeting, and they are: Ariella Avigad, Lydia Cwalina, Emily Gierczynski, Megan Quinlan, Briona Rice, Sarah Sharar and Abhinav Yarlalagadda.

Mr. Parks also recognized the members of the Scholarship Selection Committee: Annette Blonar, Rich Chiochi, Ron Coombs, Alyce Jacob, Jim Lawrence, Gary Slagel, and Charlie Steinmetz.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Mr. Schwartzmier moved the minutes of the May 18, 2022 pre/post meeting, the May 18, 2022 regular meeting, and the June 1, 2022 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT** – Mrs. Crain summarized the May Treasurer's Financial Report. The General Fund revenues for the month of May totaled \$1,397,242.32. Year-to-date total revenues are \$3,624,985.56, which represents 35% of the 2022 total budget. The General Fund expenditures for the month of May totaled \$673,541.65. Year to-date total expenditures are \$3,404,001.06, which represents 28% of the 2022 total budget. Dr. Li moved the May Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**POLICE REPORT** – Mayor O'Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of May 2022. The police responded to 730 calls for service. Mr. Schwartzmier recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT** - Mr. Myslinski read the Fire Company Report for May 2022. Mr. Myslinski indicated that the fire company responded to 23 calls for the month and the manpower for the month totaled 410 volunteer hours.

**BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT** - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for May 2022. Mr. Phillips issued 30 permits and collected \$10,352.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$875,596.00.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Parks announced that Borough Council held an executive session on June 1, 2022 to discuss the Public Works/Parks Contract, the Odorisio litigation and the Davies litigation, and Borough Council held an executive session on June 15, 2022 to discuss the Bliss Development potential litigation and the Odorisio litigation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS** – Mr. Myslinski moved Council authorize the payment of the bills, which have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – JAMES HARTMAN CONDITIONAL USE, 2072 REIS RUN ROAD** - Mr. Parks turned the meeting over to Mr. Junker to conduct a public hearing. Sherry Wurzel, court reporter, was present to take a verbatim transcript of the hearing. Mr. Junker entered exhibits into the record and reviewed the application. Mr. Hartman explained that he owns three trailers, and he is only permitted to store one trailer outside. He needs a place to keep the trailers out of sight on his property. One of the trailers is a large travel trailer that he would like to keep inside so no one will know if they are home or away. Mr. Phillips had reviewed the application and noted that the application is in compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the application. Mr. Hartman was not certain regarding the type of design, but he will be in contact with Mr. Phillips before making a final decision. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Myslinski moved to approve Conditional Use Application CU-22-05-03 submitted by James Hartman for conditional use approval to construct a detached garage accessory use structure larger than 1,000 sq. ft. of GFA on the property located at 2072 Reis Run Road in the R-2 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated May 18, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 668-2022, ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG BRANDT SCHOOL ROAD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE SIDEWALK IN THE SUMMER FIELDS PLAN OF LOTS** – Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 668-2022. Mr. Schwartzmier moved to enact Ordinance No. 668-2022 accepting the dedication of additional right-of-way along Brandt School Road for the installation of the sidewalk in the Summer Fields Plan of Lots as the same are laid out and recorded in the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate in Plan Book Volume 294, Page 118; addressing a maintenance agreement; and requiring the developer to reimburse the Borough's expenses, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

**ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS FOR THE SUMMER FIELDS PLAN** – Dr. Li moved to authorize advertising for bids for the installation of the sidewalks in the Summer Fields Plan of Lots, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

**NORTH HILLS COG SALT AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH MORTON SALT** – Dr. Li moved to approve the Mutual Agreement Year II – Articles of Agreement between the Borough and Morton Salt of Chicago, Illinois, exercising an additional contract option year for the 2022-2023 season beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023, at a cost of \$75.02 per ton delivered, in accordance with the North Hills COG bid for rock salt opened May 25, 2018, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

**GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH AND POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES** – Mr. Malkin moved to ratify the Grievance Settlement between the Borough and Teamster Local Union No. 205 representing the Police Department employees, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**RON COOMBS RESIGNATION FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE** – Mr. Myslinski moved to accept the resignation of Ron Coombs from the Scholarship Selection Committee, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 2022-2026** – Mr. Schwartzmier moved to approve the agreement reached on April 13, 2022, with Teamsters Local Union No. 249 representing full-time employees in the Public Works and Parks Department for the calendar years 2022 through 2026, and to authorize the President of Borough Council to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement, in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

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**BID FOR FENCING AT FIELD #4 IN BLUEBERRY HILL PARK** – Mr. Myslinski moved Allegheny Fence Construction Co., Inc., of Pittsburgh, PA be awarded the bid for labor and materials for the installation of fencing at the Field #4 first base line in Blueberry Hill Park, at a cost of \$12,860.00, under State Contract No. 4400018226, (under Parent Contract #4400010450) seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**AMEND MOTION FOR PURCHASE OF DUMP BODY AND ACCESSORIES FOR INTERNATIONAL CAB AND CHASSIS** – Mr. Palled moved to amend the motion previously adopted on January 20, 2021 regarding the purchase of a dump body, hydraulics, tailgate spreader and plow under COSTARS Contract No. 025-021, to be installed on a 2022 International Cab and Chassis, to instead authorize the purchase of the items listed for an additional cost of \$4,000.00 due to supply chain issues and market conditions, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

**ACCEPT GIFT BY WAY OF A DEED OF DEDICATION FOR A VACANT PARCEL ADJACENT TO BLUEBERRY HILL PARK** – Mr. Malkin moved to accept the gift by way of a deed of dedication from Frank Zokaite, Dana Zokaite, and Frank Pelly for a parcel of vacant property identified as Parcel “D” in the Estates at Franklin Fields Phase I Plan and designated as Block and Lot Number 941-N-2 consisting of approximately 3.3045 acres adjacent to Blueberry Hill Park, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**ADDENDUM TO MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTATES AT FRANKLIN FIELDS PHASES 1 AND 2** – Mr. Palled moved to authorize the Borough to enter into an Addendum to the Maintenance Agreement for the Public Improvements in the Estates at Franklin Fields Phase 1 and Phase 2 with Franklin Fields 2, LP in order to extend the maintenance period until August 18, 2022, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1299-2022, GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED STREAM AND STREAM BANK REPAIR AND RESTORATION FOR THE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY ALONG MONTGOMERY ROAD** – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1299-2022. Mr. Myslinski moved to adopt Resolution No. 1299-2022 authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a Growing Greener Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the proposed stream and stream bank repair and restoration for the unnamed tributary along Montgomery Road that flows to Bear Run in the Lowries Run Watershed to fulfill a portion of the Borough’s Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) Pollution Reduction Plan as approved under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit with the PA DEP, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1300-2022, GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED STREAM AND STREAM BANK REPAIR AND RESTORATION FOR A PORTION OF FISH RUN IN THE FISH RUN WATERSHED THAT FLOWS TO PINE CREEK** - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1300-2022. Mr. Schwartzmier moved to adopt Resolution No. 1300-2022 authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a Growing Greener Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the proposed stream and stream bank repair and restoration for a portion of Fish Run in the Fish Run Watershed that flows to Pine Creek to fulfill a portion of the Borough’s Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) Pollution Reduction Plan as approved under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit with the PA DEP, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1301-2022, GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED STORMWATER DETENTION POND RETROFIT FOR A DETENTION POND IDENTIFIED AS THE RAMBLEWOOD POND IN THE PINE CREEK WATERSHED** – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1301-2022. Mr. Malkin moved to adopt Resolution No. 1301-2022 authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a Growing Greener Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the proposed stormwater detention pond retrofit for a detention pond identified as the Ramblewood Pond in the Pine Creek Watershed to fulfill a portion of the Borough’s Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) Pollution Reduction Plan as approved under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit with the PA DEP, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

**SOLICITOR** – Thanked his partner, John McCreary, for his assistance with the collective bargaining agreement and the grievance settlement.

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**MAYOR O'KEEFE** – Congratulated the scholarship recipients and also the NA Boys Volleyball Team for winning the state championship.

**MR. PALLED** – Congratulated the scholarship recipients and wished them the best of luck.

**MR. MALKIN** – Congratulations to the scholarship recipients.

**MR. MYSLINSKI** – Thanked Ron Coombs for his service on the Scholarship Selection Committee; reminded everyone of the Festival in the Park on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> that will start with the Fire Company's Centennial Parade at 4:00 p.m.; and congratulated the scholarship recipients.

**DR. LI** – Congratulated the scholarship recipients; noted that Borough Council is moving toward preserving more green space; and encouraged everyone to attend the Festival in the Park.

**MR. SCHWARTZMIER** – Congratulated the scholarship recipients and noted that he is looking forward to the Festival in the Park and the Fire Company's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade at 4 p.m.

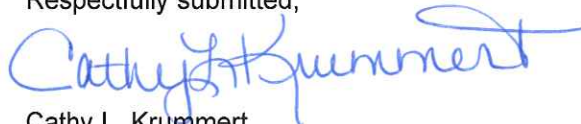
**RECREATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR** - Reminded everyone that the Festival in the Park will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. and fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** - None

**MR. PARKS** – On October 31, 2019, the Fire Company was called out for a flood situation on McAleer Road where one of the fire fighters lost his helmet. Two weeks ago, the Fire Company received a call from an individual who was kayaking in Maysville, Kentucky and found the helmet. The helmet traveled 462 miles over a two year and seven month time period. Mr. Parks also congratulated the scholarship recipients and thanked Ron Coombs.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mr. Myslinski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert  
Borough Secretary

Audience Present – 17 (15 in person/2 virtual)