

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK  
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022**

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A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 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.

**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

**PRE-MEETING**

**AUDIENCE:** 4 (2 in person and 2 virtually)

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**AGENDA REVIEW** - The following June 15, 2022 regular meeting agenda items were discussed:

- James Hartman Conditional Use Public Hearing – Mr. Junker briefly reviewed the application and procedures for the hearing.
- Resolutions for MS4 Grant Applications – There are three resolutions on the agenda for grant applications seeking funds from the DEP for three MS4 projects.
- Donation of property adjacent to Blueberry Hill Park – This is a remnant of a piece of property that was split when I-279 came through. The property is landlocked and is adjacent to the park. The developer had requested easements through the park to access the property to build a home, but the Borough was not required to grant the easements. The developer has now decided to donate the property to the Borough. Mr. Junker will apply for tax exemption in January since this piece of property will become part of the park. The Borough may also want to consider a lot consolidation of all park property. Council must vote to accept the donation and then the deed would need to be recorded.

- Addendum to Maintenance Agreement for the Estates of Franklin Fields – The Maintenance Bonds and Agreement were set to expire on June 9<sup>th</sup>, but they have been extended so the developer will have additional time to complete the outstanding items. The bond amounts were revised to cover only the work to be completed.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- MS4 Program update – Mr. Ebner noted that CEC is getting more involved in the specific design of the MS4 projects. We are applying for grants for three projects. Two of the projects are stream bank restoration projects that involve several property owners. The property owners must sign a document for the DEP grant application stating that they are allowing the Borough to go on their property to design the projects. It further states that if the grant is received, the property owner will sign a further agreement with the DEP that states that the property owner or Borough will assume all costs associated with the project. Mr. Ebner has assured the property owners that the Borough will assume all liability and costs and will maintain the areas. Mr. Ebner is still working to obtain the property owners' signatures on the DEP documents.
- Stormwater Management Fee update – Mr. Ebner noted that CEC is still working on the proposal. Council may want to consider forming a stormwater committee to work through this process. The committee would then bring it to all of Council when it is ready. Mr. Schwartzmier, Mr. Malkin and Mr. Parks agreed to serve on the committee.

#### **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR**

- Mayor O'Keefe suggested that an additional plaque be placed at the Mel Lubert Memorial bench to describe who Mel Lubert was since everyone visiting the site did not know Mel. It was noted that Donna Platt is working on a plaque to be placed on one of the benches.
- Miss DiGiacomo noted that the Community Garden should be open on Saturday.
- Mr. Schwartzmier mentioned that the vegetation at the intersection of Cole Road and Wexford Run Road needs to be mowed to improve visibility. Mr. Bucuren noted that the boom mower is broken down, and someone is scheduled to come out and repair it next Tuesday. Mr. Schwartzmier also mentioned that the cold patch placed on Cole Road earlier this year after a pipe collapse now has divots in it, and it will probably start to break up soon. There is also a section on Wexford Run Road.
- Dr. Li asked again about contacting our state representative and senator regarding the poor condition of Nicholson Road and to ask that they encourage PennDOT to begin work as soon as possible. He stated that PennDOT is working on another road in Economy Borough that is in better condition than Nicholson Road. Mr. Ebner noted that he spoke with PennDOT, and they informed him that Nicholson Road is part of an overall project that will begin on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The overall project includes three other projects that are in the area, but not in the Borough.

**MOBILE PAYMENT APPS** – Mrs. Crain and Mr. Brower discussed their research regarding mobile payment apps for use at the Festival in the Park. It is definitely possible, but there is not enough time to make a decision and implement for the Festival this year. They will continue to explore all of the options and will make a recommendation at a later date.

**AGREEMENT OF SALE** – The Borough signed the Agreement of Sale and issued a down payment for the purchase of the Graff property, which is additional green space off Big Sewickley Creek Road.

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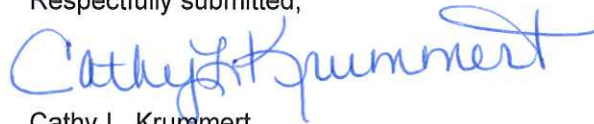
**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held to discuss the Bliss Development potential litigation and the Odorisio litigation.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.

**POST-MEETING**

As there was no further business, no post meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert  
Borough Secretary