

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 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 Lipresent
Brian S. Malkinpresent
Lucas R. Myslinski, Vice Presidentpresent
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John P. Parks, Presidentpresent
Thomas C. Schwartzmier, Second Vice Presidentpresent
Junior Councilperson Ava DiGiacomopresent
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefepresent

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Shawn Wingrove, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Callandpresent

STAFF:

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Directorpresent
Gary Bucuren, Superintendent of Public Works.....present
Cindy Crain, Finance Director/Borough Treasurer.....present
Rege Ebner, Borough Managerpresent
Walt Healy, Police Chief.....absent
Jim Huff, Manager of Golf Course & Parks Facilitiesabsent
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretarypresent
Andy Nock, Assist. Bldg. Insp./Fire & Tech Official.....present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....present
Sam Snyder, Police Lieutenant.....present

PRE-MEETING

AUDIENCE: 2 (1 in person and 1 virtually)

OLD BUSINESS

- Junior Council Person for 2023/2024 school year – Council discussed the three candidates previously interviewed at the June 7th work session and concurred to appoint Julia O'Keefe.
- 2024 Curb and Gutter Replacement Program – Council previously discussed cancelling the remaining work for the 2024 Curb & Gutter Replacement Program contract since the Borough has decided to transition from concrete to asphalt curbs. Palombo Contracting was contacted and they indicated that they would expect compensation for an estimated \$50,000 in damages for their losses. We will need to negotiate and ask for a list of itemized losses. Mr. Junker and Mr. Wingrove will continue the discussions with Palombo Contracting.

Mr. Schwartzmier expressed concern if the Borough allows the Deerfield Estates Plan to switch to asphalt curbs in Phase II when they have already installed concrete curbs in Phase I. Council discussed and concurred to stand by the previous decision to allow asphalt curbs in Phase II.

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- 2023 Road Paving - Mr. Bucuren noted that Royal Oak Drive in the Squire Ridge Plan is scheduled to be paved and it has approximately 1,100 to 1,200 feet of curb to be repaired. The other streets would be Brimfield Drive and Brimfield Court in the Sturbridge Plan where three-quarters of the concrete curb repairs have been completed. Mr. Bucuren will make a recommendation for other streets to be paved this year in lieu of Royal Oak Drive.
- Update on Summer Fields sidewalks – The owners of the vacant lot (Mr. Morse and Ms. Augustine) will have their builder install their sidewalk, and the Merolillos have also decided to have that builder install their sidewalk. Construction is expected to begin in July. The Borough's contractor, Palombo Contracting, will install the sidewalk on the two end lots and the three remaining lots in the Summer Fields Plan. A motion was placed on the regular meeting agenda this evening to award the bid Alternates to Palombo Contracting. There will most likely be a Change Order to address the change to the amounts of the Alternates.

AGENDA REVIEW - The following June 21, 2023 regular meeting agenda items were discussed:

- Resolution No. 1334-2023, Growing Greener grant application – The Borough applied last year but did not receive the grant for the stream and stream bank repair and restoration for the unnamed tributary along Montgomery Road. We are hoping that we have a better shot this year.
- Deerfield Estates Plan – The developer will execute an Addendum and increase the financial security by June 30th
- Civil Service Commission – A motion was added to the agenda to restart the eligibility list for the police officer position. Lieutenant Snyder noted that they have drafted amendments using the State Police requirements for police officer.
- Bliss Residential Land Development Set-Aside Reduction – Mr. Wingrove explained the developer's request and LSSE's recommended reduction amount.
- Mr. Ebner indicated that the motion to hire Marci Burkhart should be amended to change her title to Building Inspection/Zoning Administrator.
- Mission Statement – Once approved the Mission Statement will be posted on the Borough website and Facebook page and a notification will be sent out.

MANAGER'S REPORT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Volunteer Projects – There are a number of projects under way including three Girl Scout projects, one Boy Scout project and one garden club project. One of the Girl Scout projects is a silver award for a little library that was renovated and temporarily installed in front of the municipal building. The library will then be moved to Old Orchard Park in the future. The Girl Scouts will hold a dedication ceremony on June 28th at 2 p.m. and they will then tour the municipal building and public works building to speak to women regarding their role in government.

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK POLITICAL ACTIVITY – Council members have been fielding questions from candidates asking what type of activities would be permitted during the Festival in the Park. They want to provide guidelines to candidates so the Festival attendees are not uncomfortable with the political activities during the event. In previous years, some residents had voiced concerns, and a letter had been mailed to the political parties regarding political activities at the Festival. Council discussed the possibility of limiting political activities to party booths, and they will revisit this matter in the future. Mr. Ebner was directed to find the letter that was previously sent out and send it to the political parties again prior to the Festival. There was also a discussion regarding Festival parking.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

- **Mr. Malkin** discussed concerns regarding recent bear sightings in the area.
- **Dr. Li** mentioned that he has noticed a reduction in deer sightings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss personnel.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

POST-MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary