

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, October 19, 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 Lipresent
Brian S. Malkinpresent
Lucas R. Myslinski, Vice Presidentpresent
Uday Palledpresent
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 Callandabsent

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.....present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretarypresent
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....present

PRE-MEETING

AUDIENCE: 3 (0 in person and 3 virtually)

OLD BUSINESS – None

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANNING - Mr. Tom Rooney was present to discuss the Bicentennial Celebration and his recommendation for the engagement of the River City Brass Band (RCBB) to play during the Celebration to be held in conjunction with the 2023 Festival in the Park. The RCBB would play in the evening and during the fireworks. The cost would be \$9,875.00 for the full band or \$6,800.00 for a smaller band. Mr. Rooney has also scheduled Rocky Bleier to attend a Veterans’ Breakfast and Veterans’ Trail Dedication in the fall of 2023. Mr. Rooney discussed that they will be seeking sponsorships for the Bicentennial, and he expects to raise \$50,000 (Gold Sponsors \$5,000, Silver Sponsors \$2,500 and Bronze Sponsors \$1,250). Council discussed the 2023 Budget, the potential costs for the Bicentennial Celebration and logistics. Council decided to engage the full RCBB and will vote to authorize at the regular meeting.

McCANDLESS FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY (MFPAA) – Council briefly discussed the proposed 2023 Borough contribution to the MFPAA in the amount of \$105,000.00 noting that the Town of McCandless has indicated that they will only provide fuel and vehicle maintenance to MFPAA at cost. They will not provide any monetary contribution to MFPAA.

SIDEWALK OPENINGS AND LIGHTING – Mr. Bucuren was contacted by R. J. Community Management, the community manager for the Ridge Forest Homeowners' Association. They would like to install a cut out for a handicapped approach for a sidewalk at Pittsburgh Court and Georgetown Drive. They would also like to install solar lights on the two islands on Georgetown Drive on each side of Notre Dame Court. We have nothing in our fee resolution for sidewalk openings, handicapped cut outs or lights. He had discussed the request with Mr. Wingrove who indicated that this is considered an uncontrolled crossing and may require a study for sight distance. We would also need some type of design plan. Mr. Bucuren has never received this type of a request, and he asked for some guidance and direction. Mr. Phillips suggested that they go through the land development application process and provide bonding for the cut out for the handicapped approach. They would also need to obtain a zoning variance for the lighting and have a maintenance agreement. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Bucuren will discuss internally and advise R. J. Community Management regarding how to proceed.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

- **Mayor O'Keefe** and Mr. Ebner met with Pastor Bo Gamble of the Franklin Park Baptist Church. Pastor Gamble had reached out to ask how the church can be more involved in the community. They have a small older congregation who have lived in the Borough for most of their lives. Mr. Ebner asked if some of the members would be interested in assisting the Borough by going through our historical archives to see what items we could use and display.
- **Mr. Schwartzmier** mentioned that he recently spoke to a hunter walking down Cole Road near his house. He informed the hunter that he is not permitted to hunt on the Borough property behind his house unless he is part of the Suburban White Tail Management deer culling program.
- **Mr. Palled** discussed the review of the Cardinal Ridge Plan off Aldon Drive at the Planning Commission meeting last night. Stormwater discharge was an issue, and they are to provide more information. The application was tabled until the November Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Palled indicated that there will be an issue with visitor parking, and the applicant did not have a good answer. Mr. Phillips noted that the ordinance only requires two parking spaces per unit, and they are not required to provide visitor parking.
- **Mr. Parks** was approached by the leadership of Boy Scout Troop 171 and Cub Scout Pack 171 that are currently chartered by the Ingomar United Methodist Church. They have been informed by the church that the United Methodist Church will not reapprove charters for Scouts, but they may reconsider in the future. The Scouts will be permitted to continue to meet at the church. The Scouts have asked if the Borough or Fire Company could be a charter organization. The Fire Company has been a charter organization in years past, and they will present this matter to the membership tomorrow night. Mr. Parks asked if the Borough can legally charter the Scouts and he asked if we would consider the request. Mr. Parks will present the request to Mr. Junker along with a sample charter. The Scouts would provide all liability insurance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss the Bliss Development potential litigation and a personnel matter.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:16 p.m.

POST-MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary