

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President  
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President  
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member  
Anita Barton, Council Member  
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member  
James Griffin, Council Member  
Karen Tutino, Council Member  
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no President Announcements.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a.) 2019 Bike Race Presentation**

Richard Adler of RA Events presented a proposal to bring a professional bike race to Montgomery County in June of 2019. Mr. Adler stated that this was a preliminary discussion with the Borough to re-launch this formerly Philadelphia-run race in Montgomery County, specifically, in and around Conshohocken. Mr. Adler stated that the event had yet to be vetted by Borough and County services.

Council voiced several concerns specifically about road closures that would essentially shutdown the Borough, extensive public safety planning, unconfirmed resources and manpower, and lack of committed sponsorship dollars to cover municipal associated expenses. After discussion of said concerns, Ms. Leonard recommended that Council and Borough Administration discuss the request over the next two weeks and consider approval at the August Voting Meeting.

**b.) Grass Clippings and Commercial Trash Operational Procedures, Ray Sokolowski, Director of Public Services**

Mr. Sokolowski, Director of Public Services, shared that beginning January 1, 2019, the Borough will no longer collect grass clippings with yard waste and provide commercial trash pick-up service.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**a.) Consider 1023 Fayette Street Zoning Hearing Board Application**

Chris Stetler, Community Development Coordinator and Zoning Officer, provided an overview of the application. She explained that the applicant is proposing to expand the building on the lot and add a second floor. Ms. Stetler stated that the project requires a special exception for expansion of a non-conforming use and several dimensional variances.

Bob Cauci, the applicant, and John DiPietro, the applicant's attorney, were present. Mr. DiPietro provided an additional summary of the application. Sam Kim of Ambit Architecture provided an elevation of the proposed site and explained the design concept.

**Ms. Sokolowski made a motion to approve sending a letter of recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board for 1023 Fayette Street, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **MANAGER MATTERS**

There were no Manager Matters.

#### **DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

**a.) Consider adopting the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Mr. Peters explained that the plan is used by municipalities in the county to fulfill hazard mitigation planning requirements. Ms. Sokolowski requested that Council review the updated plan prior to its adoption. Council agreed.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

There were no Legal Matters.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR MATTERS**

**a.) Sewer Authority Update (Council Member Barton)**

Ms. Barton provided a summary of the items that were covered at the Sewer Authority board meeting in July, which included a meeting with Borough developers and an upcoming liner installation project.

**b.) Consider dedicating the Public Meeting Room at Borough Hall in the honor of Gerry McTamney (President Leonard)**

Mr. Stokley asked Council to consider dedicating the Public Meeting Room at Borough Hall in honor of Gerry McTamney, who served as Council President for 18 years.

**Mr. Stokley made a motion to the dedication of the Public, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donald Morrison, 303 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, invited the elected officials to the Fight Rugby playoff game.

Joe Ferrigno, 712 Old Elm Street, inquired about the Sewer Authority's liner installation project, specifically coordination with PennDOT, street closures and access to the Grande. Mr. Sokolowski responded to his questions.

Mayor Aronson provided information regarding improvements that were completed at the Schuylkill River Trail intersections. He added that the Conshohocken Police Department is planning a Trail Safety Class. Mayor Aronson announced that the Environmental Advisory Committee is hosting an educational rain barrel class for children on August 4, 2018.

Mr. Stokley discussed parking concerns, specifically the lack of 15 minute parking in front of businesses. He also discussed opportunities to increase off-street parking. Ms. Sokolowski recommended that Council consider creating a Park Task Force. Mr. Stokley also commented on increasing enforcement of stop signs.

Ms. Flanagan provided an update on the Mary Wood Park Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Cecco,  
Borough Secretary