

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

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

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Borough Manager
Michael J. Savona, 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. Mr. James Griffin, Council President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

5:00 - Municipal Authority

Mr. Felix Raimondo, current Chair of the Municipal Authority, was present to interview for re-appointment to the Borough of Conshohocken Municipal Authority. During Mr. Raimondo's interview, Ms. Tutino asked him to tell Council about himself, share information on his accomplishments while serving on the Authority, and why he was interested in continuing to serve on the Authority.

5:10 - Mary Wood Park Commission

Next, Ms. Kristen Hughes Heal was invited to interview for a vacancy on the Mary Wood Park Commission. During Ms. Heal's interview, Ms. Tutino asked her to tell Council about herself and to share why she was interested in serving on the Mary Wood Park Commission.

5:20 - Mary Wood Park Commission

Next, Ms. Jennifer McCracken was invited to interview for a vacancy on the Mary Wood Park Commission. During Ms. McCracken's interview, Ms. Tutino asked her to tell Council about herself and to share why she was interested in serving on the Mary Wood Park Commission.

5:30 - Mary Wood Park Commission

Finally, Ms. Julie Dickson was invited to interview for a vacancy on the Mary Wood Park Commission. During Ms. McCracken's interview, Ms. Tutino asked her to tell Council about herself and to share why she was interested in serving on the Mary Wood Park Commission.

CONSIDER MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY AND THE MARY WOOD PARK COMMISSION

Following conclusion of the interviews that evening, Council considered making the appointments.

Ms. Barton made a motion to appoint Felix Raimondo to five-year term to expire December 2021 on the Municipal Authority, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

Council determined to make the appointments for the Mary Wood Park Commission at a later time.

DISCUSS LEELAND MANSION

Council discussed whether the Borough should sell, lease, or retain the property. Following discussion, it was determined that the building would be maintained and that any needed repairs would be made by the Borough. Mr. Savona also made a suggestion that the buildings be appraised as a start to determine the current value and Council was in agreement to do so.

DISCUSS RECREATION SERVICES

Mr. Manfredi introduced Mr. Shaun Elliott, President and CEO of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA, who was present along with Ms. Zeffi Angelikas, the Group Vice President, to discuss the possibility of partnering with the Borough to offer programming at the Community Center at the Fellowship House. Mr. Elliott and Ms. Angelikas explained the types of programs that the YMCA offers and shared that there was no formal lease proposal to work with the Borough at that time but that, based on the Borough Council's suggestions, they could tailor a draft lease proposal as a follow-up to continue the discussions. Council did not make a determination at this time on whether or not to continue lease negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi,
Borough Secretary