

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
CAMP HILL BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6 p.m.

The public hearing involved amendments to the Borough Code regarding rules and enforcement procedures for utilization of Borough Parks. (Ordinance 02-2020) and Ordinance related to the handicapped parking permit for 209 S. 15th Street.

**Call to Order**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Moment of Silent Reflection**  
**Roll Call**

Bonnie Bentz  
Richard Guerin  
Alissa Packer  
Carl Schultz  
Leigh Twiford  
Erin Vroman  
Zach Williard

Ms. Twiford called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

- Ms. Vroman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2020 Council Meeting. Ms. Packer seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Simpson introduced Nate Ginck and Gavin Nunn to discuss their Eagle Scout Projects.

- Nate Ginck – the addition of three picnic tables, new Plexi-glass sign coverings & an honor garden by the firehouse.
  - Funding by himself. He will complete it in 1-2 days over a weekend around October 2020.
  - Ms. Vroman made a motion to approve Nate Ginck's Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Williard seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Gavin Nun – the addition of two exercise stations along the Goddard Trail at Siebert Park, including a pull up bar and an ab workout station that would be made out of pressure treated wood.
  - Completed towards the end of October. He will request funding from people and local businesses.
  - Ms. Vroman made a motion to approve Gavin Nunn's Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Tonya Rhen, 1921 Princeton Avenue** – Ms. Rhen shared that the only space she noticed for a handicap parking space at Schaeffer Park is on the side of the hill. She noted that it needs to be a flat spot to be truly handicap accessible. Ms. Twiford stated that they will bring that back to the engineer.
- **Jennifer Hoover, 127 S. 31<sup>st</sup> Street** – Ms. Hoover suggested delaying Ordinance change relative to the parks, so that more clarity can be made to the definition of "facilities." She made a point of observation that it might have been prudent to provide public comment before approval of the Eagle Scout projects.
- **Tim Jackson** – Mr. Jackson gave an update on some Borough traffic transit that he had reviewed. He noticed an apparent police bias within the data - about 23% of stops in the Borough involve people of color, only 5% of Cumberland County were of color. In those 70% were male. Most of the people who were stopped for similar reasons received different outcomes. In result of his findings, Chief Margeson met with him and a few others

and showed that there were some steps he is already in the process of making in the department. Ms. Packer and Ms. Vroman shared that they are happy this is being discussed, as they would like to ensure an inclusive community. They would like the Personnel Committee and the Public Safety Committee to be involved in these discussions. Chief Margeson shared that they are working on refining the data collection, especially in context and what was contributed in situations and arrests. This will continue to be pursued.

- **Michael Vogel - 134 S 18th Street** – Mr. Vogel thinks the Park Ordinance change should be tabled to provide more clarity on the language that was discussed in the public hearing. He stated that he feels this was a waste of time. He feels the Ordinances looks like we are not an inclusive community. He asked what caused the need for this change. He encouraged Council to look at how this will be perceived.
- **Karen Mallah** – Ms. Mallah thanked Mr. Jackson for doing the analysis and thanked Chief for meeting with them. She stated that she was glad to hear that people want to dig into this more and record the data better.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Ms. Vroman shared that the next Committee meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.
- A crosswalk priority list for 2021 and the paving schedule will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Mayor Simpson gave the police report:
  - 816 complaints or calls were handled by officers in the month of August.
  - The next police training is “Effective and Constitutional Policing” and will be held next week in Prosser Hall.
  - Chief came up with a new initiative “Camp Hill Police School Visit,” where other officers, in addition to the school resource officer, will visit the schools and get to know the students/teachers, etc. This will start September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Simpson shared that the fire department ran 36 calls in the month of August and spent 88 hours on those calls.
- Ms. Vroman made a motion to approve two handicapped parking permits for 209 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Packer seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Mr. Dennis shared that they are finalizing the SALDO. Lighting provisions have been provided to Gannett Fleming to incorporate into the SALDO. There is a Committee meeting next week and they hope to finalize the SALDO at that meeting.
- Staff is working on the budget. The Finance Committee went over the budget this morning.
- The pool is now closed. Sean, Audrey, Chris and Sam all did a great job on the pool being open during this time.
- He is working on the CFA grant submission for the Streetscape Project. It is due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **FINANCE**

- Mr. Williard made a motion to make a payment of checks for August 2020 in the amount of \$1,075,733.69. Ms. Vroman seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mr. Williard made a motion to approve the Police MMO in the amount of: \$64,377.00. Mr. Guerin seconded. Mr. Dennis explained that each year the MMO (Minimal Municipal Obligation) needs to be certified. This is a year behind, so it is certifying that if there is a crisis where there is little or no state aid, the MMO would be the minimum municipal obligation that the Borough is entitled to pay. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mr. Williard made a motion to approve the Non-Uniform MMO in the amount of: \$111,488.00. Mr. Guerin seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mr. Williard made a motion to approve the Cash Benefit Pension Plan MMO in the amount of: \$20,654.20. Ms. Packer seconded the motion. Mr. Dennis shared that in March 2016 the Borough created an Ordinance that created a pension plan that is a cash benefit plan. Employees in this plan have paychecks reduced by a certain percentage and the Borough puts a certain percentage into the fund. The motion passed with all in favor.

- Mr. Williard stated that there will be three budget meetings in October and the Finance Committee has held a number of meetings to go through the budget.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Ms. Bentz shared that they had a Public Works meeting last week.
  - They discussed attaching military medallions to the columbarium. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Robbins are going to look at the cemetery rules and make some modifications and will present to Council next month.
  - They are in the beginning stages of looking at a proposal from PPL to possibly replace street lights to LED's. The Committee will drive around areas that already have these lights to review. There is no time crunch on this decision. It would save a little bit of money.
  - Had a discussion on plantings in Willow Park and learned how Mr. Robbins was informed to take care of Willow for the first two years. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Robbins will have a conversation with HRG on how this will be maintained.
- Engineer Report:
  - Ms. Bentz made a motion for Contract #1 for Payment #1 in the amount of \$142,973.21 to JVI Group, Inc. Mr. Williard seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
  - Ms. Bentz made a motion for Contract #2, for Payment #2 in the amount of \$3,525.22 to D.E. Gemmill, Inc. Ms. Packer and Mr. Williard seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
  - Ms. Bentz made a motion for approval to execute the maintenance and emergency contract for three years that was awarded to Rogele. Ms. Vroman seconded. Mr. Hess shared that this is to have a contractor on call to fix emergency items that come up. They re-bid the contract as it had expired. The low bidder was Rogele once again in the amount of \$210,415. The actual amount depends on what issues may come up over the next three years. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mr. Robbins – Public Works Update
  - All of the ramps in the paving project are done and seeded. The thermal plastic work will be scheduled for next week or the following week. All roads are milled. Will start placing wearing course tomorrow and hope to have it completed by next Wednesday.
  - The school signal on Chestnut Street is up and operational. Will flash at morning, lunch, and afternoon on days that school is in session.
  - Public Works was asked to find a glyphosate alternative. They are now using a product called Cheetah Pro. Will continue with it and see how it goes.
  - Reminded residents to please keep trees trimmed 12 feet above the gutter line.
  - Reminded residents that roads are more slippery with leaves on the ground, so to drive safely.

### **COMMUNITY & BUSINESS RELATIONS**

- Mr. Schultz shared that the Streetscape Plan is in the process of moving the concept into the design and engineering stages. Gibson Thomas will take the feedback from the last meeting and will come back with a plan. Will start to look at cost and will keep that project moving along.
- The Harvest Hop is on Saturday. The event helps with the Earl Besch Project.
- Brand new merchant in Camp Hill, Cocoa Creek Chocolates on 18<sup>th</sup> and Market is opening Monday.

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

- Ms. Vroman shared that on October 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a costume contest without the parade this year. Information is online and in the newsletter.
- Every year Camp Hill Borough holds a voluntarism award application process. The application is online or you can email Ms. Vroman for assistance. Applications are due by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The winner will be announced at the December Council Meeting.
- Schaeffer Park has been having an ongoing liter situation. Ms. Logar is putting a lot of effort into educational on this topic.

- Ms. Vroman made a motion to table the vote on the proposed Ordinance and to take it back to the Committee for further clarification. Ms. Packer seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

- Mr. Guerin noted that there was \$274,000 worth of permits last month.
- Mr. Guerin made a motion to approve the Camp Hill School District Hoover Elementary Land Development Plan. Mr. Schultz seconded.
  - Mr. Miller shared that they addressed a lot of questions and concerns that the Planning Commission, staff and Gannett Fleming had. The Comments remaining from Gannett Fleming are minor housekeeping.
  - Roger Philips with Gannett Fleming shared that the project required three waivers (Section 502, Section 607, and Section 402). Mr. Miller shared that the waivers were reviewed by the public works director, the engineering team, legal counsel and the planning commission and all found to be correct.
- Mr. Guerin made a motion to approve Waiver #1 – Section 502 to waive the requirements to provide public improvements within the public right of way at Deanhurst Avenue, including but not limited to providing additional paving and curbing. Justification to the request is that additional improvements to this section of Deanhurst are not necessary based on the limited residential properties that access this portion of the road and improvements associated with the parent loop provide function that the school district requires. Mr. Schultz seconded. Mr. Phillips explained that this would prevent them from having to widen the street in this area and will cost less money and reduce impacts from stormwater. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mr. Guerin made a motion to approve Waiver #2 - Section 607 to waive the curbing along 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The justification for this request is that the existing parking lots have functioned at their current locations without significant issues and the majority of the traffic that currently uses this portion of 24<sup>th</sup> Street will utilize the new loop at the west side of the building. The addition of a curb along this portion of 24<sup>th</sup> Street will concentrate stormwater flows and require additional inlets piping and potential draining impoundment areas to control, whereas the majority of the drainage along this road is currently dissipated within the grass and the shoulder of the existing road. Ms. Vroman seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
- For the preliminary plan, Section 402 - These are the same waivers that were put in with the first plan but there were some changes to the plan, so they went through the process again to ensure everything was being met and for transparency. Ms. Packer seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mr. Guerin made a motion to approve the Camp Hill School District Hoover Land Development Plan with the revision from Public Works of the Macadam sidewalk that goes along 24<sup>th</sup> Street that will be shown on the final plan. Mr. Williard seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **PERSONNEL**

- Ms. Packer stated that the Committee is still working on the collective bargaining agreement with the police and that is going well. Waiting for some language to be finalized related to the contract.

### **BOROUGH/SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Mr. Guerin stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

- Ms. Packer shared that she appreciated the feedback from the community at the hearing and looks forward to bringing it back in a form that addresses some of the concerns that were raised.
- Mr. Schultz stated that Camp Hill is a great community but far from perfect. He appreciated the dialogue and people raising concerns that we should be looking at.
- Ms. Twiford reminded everyone of the Harvest Hop on Saturday.

- Ms. Vroman thanked everyone who participated in both meetings. She was excited to see so many people tonight. She will discuss the handicap spot concern with the Committee. She thanked Mr. Jackson for the information he presented.
- Mr. Williard shared that the first stormwater bills went out. There are still a number of MS4 projects that need to be done to complete the permit before it expires at the end of 2023. The project list was trimmed down from \$10,000,000 to \$1,400,000.
- Mr. Dennis shared that Ms. Burger has done a wonderful job of dealing with questions on the stormwater bills and that she has done a very admirable job.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Stacy Reck, 29 S. 29<sup>th</sup> Street** – Ms. Reck thanked the Public Works Committee for their support on the veteran’s medallions. She would really like to see that recognized.
- **Jennifer Hoover, 127 S. 31<sup>st</sup> Street** – Ms. Hoover stated that she looks forward to seeing the updated Ordinance.
- **Tonya Rehn, 1921 Princeton Avenue** – Ms. Rehn asked if someone from the fire department or police department could help people cross the street at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street during the Harvest Hop. Ms. Twiford shared that the police are aware of the event. Mr. Schultz shared that in the streetscape there is a proposed rapid flashing beacon crosswalk at that particular area.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Vroman said thank you to Borough staff. She made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williard seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.