



The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Those present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Ronald Kaufman, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Mike Zippler, Tom Hilliard, Carol Kaufman, Mitchel Ray, Mike Slater, Amanda & Matt Durci, Don and Joan Whelan, Dale Sarver, Tom Thompson, Donald Trant, and Vickie Forbes.

Mitch Ray stated that for his Eagle Scout project he would be building in the Park two covered benches, one located near the tennis court and one near the pond. He would also be building a covered sign which will be located behind the dugout at the trail entrance. The project will take place beginning April 16 with a rain date of April 30. He also stated that he was accepting contributions for the project.

Amanda and Matt Durci addressed Council concerning the issue of a second building on their property located at 1206 Evans City Road being used as a rental and the requirement by Borough ordinance for a second sewage tap for this building. They stated that the building had always had utilities to it, and it should have been the responsibility of the prior owner to pay the tap fee. Council reviewed a document signed by both Durci's and the seller at the time the property ownership changed stating that there were no utilities to the building at the time of the sale; and if service was ever re-established to the building, the Durci's were aware a tap fee would have to be paid. The Durci's did not know if the building was being serviced by a septic tank or by public sewage. Council requested that they contact the Sewage Enforcement Officer to have him inspect. Council would determine the course of action after the inspection was completed.

Mike Slater – Blue Socs – stated that the field would be used by both the Blue Soc's teams as well as the girls Butler Fast Pitch. Modifications to the field would need to be done to accommodate both groups and stated that at a minimum these improvements would cost in excess of \$6,500. Slater asked if the \$3000 contributed by the movie company could still be contributed to the improvements. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to contribute the \$3000 to renovate the field. Motion passed Slater stated that they would like to move both the infield and the outfield fence in to better accommodate the teams as well as minimize the expense of the improvements. Council discussed. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to allow the changes and upgrades as described which include moving the fence and the infield. Motioned passed. Mr. Sarver stated that VicNor farms would donate sod, roll the field, over seed the outfield, and complete other miscellaneous upgrades to the field. The sod would not be put down until fall.

Don Whelan stated that his property had been surveyed and indicated that the neighboring driveway was closer than 3 feet to his property line. Council requested he provide a copy of his survey to the Borough.

### **Leslie Farms PRD Modifications**

Donald Trent present a second revision to Leslie plan. The first revision was approved in 2009. The current revision would increase single family homes, reducing multi-family. Thompson stated that this revision to the PRD must be heard at a public hearing and would need to be reviewed by the Planning Committee. A question was asked about the sewage plant capacity. Bocci stated that sewage facility was capable of handling Phase 1 and Phase 2 on the revised plan but a plant expansion, with sludge handling improvements, would be required for additional phases. Trent stated that he had contacted Butler County Planning regarding submission of the revision of the PRD and was told that it was not necessary to send tentative plans to Butler County, only final plans should be submitted for their review. Council agreed to waive having the tentative revised PRD plans sent to Butler County Planning. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to have a public hearing on the revised PRD for Leslie Farms on May 3, 2016 at 7 pm. Motion passed.

### **Sewage Plant Update**

Dave Bocci stated he was having a problem with the hot water heater at the sewage plant. Council indicated it was a maintenance item, and the Borough office would take care of it. Bocci explained that costs for eliminating solids was increasing due to the Borough now being charged for dumpsters used and the need to have more frequent pumping done due to the increased solids being generated at the Plant. The backflow test was completed.



Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2016. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted February 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Leech seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1206 Evans City Road – Sewage Tap

Council discussed.

FMZ Construction and Development Inc. - Payments

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to contact the Borough solicitor to take action if 50% of the balance due from FMZ is not received in two weeks, and the remaining balance is not paid in 30 days. Motion passed.

Street Sweeping – Friday, April 8

Kaufman will post no parking signs.

Driveway Permit Inspections, Code Enforcement

Council reviewed information provided by P&D Home Inspections Service, L.L.C. Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to hire P&D to perform driveway inspections and perform zoning and ordinance enforcement requirements. Motion passed. Council continued discussion on the Driveway Permit fees and application.

Park Grant – DCNR Resolution 2016-03

The grant is being applied for through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the Borough by Gary Pinkerton, Director of Butler County Parks and Recreation. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-03. Motion passed.

Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Fund Grant

Council discussed applying for the grant which requires an application fee of \$100 and a 15% match and could be used to obtain easements for the Trail as well as development of the Trail. Already existing information from previously applied for grants could be used. Minimal engineering costs would be involved. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to apply for the grant. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Complaint

Council reviewed the complaint and elected to involve the newly appointed Enforcement Officer. A meeting will be arranged for the Executive Committee to meet with him.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** Rader reported on domestic issue.

**Streets:** Smith reported on a complaint about an area at the Post Office along the sidewalk. The power company was contacted about unused poles in the Borough and has been removing them.

Council discussed repairs to South Main. A meeting will be arranged with Dick Knapko of Penn Dot to review details of the work. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise the bids for these repairs. Motion passed.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report



**Park:** Smith reported on work to be done in the Park to remove a tree that is a safety issue.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

**Code Enforcement:** No Report

**Emergency  
Management**

Council reviewed the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan provided by Dan Fox which must be adopted by all municipalities. This Plan is updated every five years. Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-04, Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed.

Council reviewed an email from Dan Cox requesting to attend the 2016 PEMA Emergency Management Conference in Seven Springs May 14-18 and approval from Council to cover his meal and travel expenses. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the payment of these expenses. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Hilliard seconded at 10:15 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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