



FOX CHAPEL
BOROUGH

MINUTES
FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2023

PRESENT: Andrew C. Bennett, Council President; Harrison S. Lauer, Thomas Karet, Frederick C. Leech, Bradley D. Harrison, Sarah Hanna, Councilmembers; Walter A. Scott, III, Mayor; A. Bruce Bowden, Solicitor; Gary J. Koehler, Borough Manager; Michael Stevens, Police Chief; Larry Kurpakus, Public Works Director; Jeanine A. Mancuso, Treasurer; Shawn M. Peterson, Borough Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Logan Dressman, Bree Murphy, Junior Council Members; Wesley Posvar, Park Commission Chairperson; Kevin Brett, Borough Engineer; Austin Henry, EAC Chairperson; Michael Pohl, Fox Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; James Brethauer, Gateway Engineers; 6 SSA students, two other attendees

VIA ZOOM: Sean McGovern, John Boyer

ABSENT: Elizabeth Monroe, Councilmember

Mr. Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Karet moved that the March 20, 2023, meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed by a unanimous vote.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Bennett informed Council and those in attendance about an event, the Rush to Crush Cancer bicycle ride, on Saturday, May 20, 2023, that will utilize Fox Chapel Road. There will be no road closures for this event, and the Police Department will be present.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Austin Henry, Chairperson for the EAC, summarized Environmental Disturbance Applications 23-09 and 23-10.

Mr. Lauer moved to approve Environmental Disturbance Application 23-09, 280 Glen Laurel Lane, construction of a new single-family dwelling, as submitted, contingent upon the 1:1 replacement of the trees being removed with deciduous hardwoods and with the other required conditions outlined in the LSSE letter dated April 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leech and passed by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Hanna moved to approve Environmental Disturbance Application 23-10, 100 Hillcrest Road, construction of a new single-family dwelling, as submitted, contingent upon the alteration of the proper replanting plan with 13 canopy hardwoods and five ornamentals, including the granting of the two soil stability waivers from the very steep slopes with high-risk up to 6.3% disturbance, and the very steep slopes with low risk up to 22.89% disturbance. The motion also includes the remaining requirements outlined in the LSSE letter dated April 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Lauer reported that the Planning Commission met before the Council meeting to review the following:

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The proposed Sirio - Marquart Lot-Line relocation is between Allegheny County Tax Parcels 526-R-20 (2 Quail Hill Road) and 526-R-49 (50 Quail Hill Road), and the consolidation of two lots into one 526-R-49 and 526-R-60 (50 Quail Hill Road). The subject properties are located east of Fox Chapel Road and south of Quail Hill Road and are zoned Residential B.

The minimum lot area is two acres in the Residential B Zoning District. Lot 1, 50 Quail Hill Road, is an existing non-conforming lot with a 1.039-acre lot area. The lot-line change proposes an increase of 0.713 acres for a total of 1.752 acres. Lot 2, 2 Quail Hill Road, will remain a conforming lot at 2.281 acres.

Mr. Lauer moved to approve the submitted Sirio – Marquart Lot-Line Change Application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karet and passed by a unanimous vote.

PARK COMMISSION

Wesley Posvar, Chairperson for the Park Commission, summarized the stormwater projects for Hardie Valley Park and McCahill Park with the input of Borough Engineer Kevin Brett.

Mr. Karet moved to approve the preparation of construction plans for Hardie Valley Park and McCahill Park for bidding purposes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer and passed unanimously.

Mr. Harrison asked if the grants received for McCahill Park and Hardie Valley Park could be used for the construction plans. Mr. Koehler stated that they could. There are two grants for McCahill Park totaling \$303,900 for Trail and Multi-Season Courts and Park Development. There is a grant for Hardie Valley Park for \$454,100 for Stormwater and approximately \$800,000 from the Hardie Valley Park Fund.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Kurpakus thanked Mr. Posvar, the Park Commission, and volunteers who participated in the Fox Chapel Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 15, 2023. He said that along with the Public Works Department, over 30 bags of trash were collected along Borough roadways and intersections.

TREASURER REPORT

Ratification of Payments – March 2023

Mr. Leech moved that the payment of bills for March 2023 (General Fund Vouchers 3596 – 3709, \$997,069.63) be ratified. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Leech abstaining from the Leech Tishman invoices due to a potential conflict of interest.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Contract No. 23 - R01, 2023 Roadway Improvement Program

Mr. Lauer moved to award Contract No. 23 – R01, Roadway Improvement Program to the low bidder, Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., with a base bid of \$983,152.50. With the addition of Alternates F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-17, Utility Pavement Repairs, and Bituminous Restoration at the Public Works Operation Center, the total is \$1,428,161.50. (\$51,000 for Utility Pavement Repairs is completely reimbursable to the Borough upon completion by respective utility companies. \$7,178.75 for the Bituminous Restoration will be paid out of bond issue funds. \$253,696.25 for Hillcrest Road will be paid out of the Reserve Fund balance making the total from the Road Paving Budget \$1,116,286.50.)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Leech and passed unanimously.

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SALE OF EQUIPMENT

At the March 2023 Council meeting, Council awarded the sale of the 30' x 60' steel storage building to Cody Cooper for \$1,450. Unfortunately, Mr. Cooper has been unable to find a contractor to remove the building from the premise by the agreed-upon 60 days from the sale award. Mr. Cooper has agreed to release his award for the building and acknowledges he has no rights to the building.

Mr. Lauer moved to amend the agenda to include the 30' x 60' steel storage building award to the second-highest bidder, Daniel Green, at \$1,400. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karet and passed unanimously.

Municibid – 30' x 60' Steel Storage Building

Mr. Karet moved to award the building sale to the second-highest bidder, Daniel Green, at \$1,400, whose bid includes the disassembly and removal of the building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed unanimously.

Municibid – 2009 ODB LCT600 Belt-Driven Leaf Collector

Ms. Hanna moved to award the sale of the 2009 LCT600 belt-driven leaf collector to the high-bidder Craig Matis for \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harrison and passed by a unanimous vote.

Municibid – 2005 8' x 16' Custom-Fab Equipment Trailer

Ms. Hanna moved to award the 2005 8' x 16' custom-fab equipment trailer to the high-bidder Matthew Lutz for \$2,950. The motion was seconded by Mr. Karet and passed by a unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Renaming a Portion of Woodland Farms Road to Woodland Farms Court

Council agreed to defer this item on the agenda to the May 15, 2023, Council meeting to ensure the Borough is doing its due diligence before proceeding with a decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize Advertisement of Proposed Ordinance No. 724

Mr. Harrison moved to authorize the advertisement of proposed Ordinance No. 724, an ordinance amending Section 338.12A, Through Highways Established, and Section 338.13A, Stop Intersections Established, of the Code of the Borough. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leech and passed unanimously.

Community Library Association (CLA) Board

Mr. Leech moved to reappoint Stephen Lackey and Susan Skowron to a three-year term on the CLA Board, which will expire at its annual meeting in 2026. The motion was also for the appointment of Heidi Brayer for an initial two-year term on the CLA Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hanna and passed unanimously.

At 6:50 PM, Borough Council adjourned into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. At 8:07 PM, the meeting was reconvened.

There being no other business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

SHAWN MARIE PETERSON
Borough Secretary