

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING held via GoToMeeting video/teleconference

PRESENT: Colleen Leonard, Council President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
James Griffin, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held remotely using the GoToMeeting platform. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Leonard thanked everyone for attending the virtual Council meeting. She reviewed the meeting logistics and participation instructions.

LAND USE, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

a.) Consider granting conditional use approval for 261-263 East Elm Street

Mr. Peters opened the public hearing for the 261-263 East Elm Street conditional use application. He stated that the applicant requested a continuance until June 2, 2021.

b.) Consider adopting Ordinance 04-2021 amending the Accessory Use Structure section of the Borough Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Peters opened the public hearing for an amendment to the Accessory Use Structure section of the Borough Zoning Ordinance. He provided a brief overview of the proposed ordinance, which would permit an increase in accessory structures devoted strictly to the storage of vehicles to a maximum area of 450 square feet.

Ms. Barton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-2021 amending the Accessory Use Structure section of the Borough Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

c.) Consider approving Resolution 2021-08 approving preliminary/final land development for 203 East Twelfth Avenue

Mr. Peters provided a brief overview of the application to construct three (3) single-family detached dwellings. He reviewed the requested waivers and conditions of approval per the proposed resolution.

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08 approving preliminary/final land development for 203 East Twelfth Avenue, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

d.) Consider adopting Ordinance 05-2021 amending the Parking and Snow Route section of the Borough Ordinance

Ms. Cecco reminded Council that the proposed ordinance amends the Borough's Vehicle and Traffic Regulations by adding an additional stop intersection on East Elm Street at Jones Street, by adding certain no parking areas on East 8th Avenue and West 5th Avenue, by creating a patient-only parking zone during certain hours in an area of East 11th Avenue, and by creating new snow emergency routes on portions of East First Avenue and West First Avenue.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05-2021 amending the Parking and Snow Route section of the Borough Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

PRESENTATIONS

a.) Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show Presentation, Mayor Aronson

Mayor Aronson shared information about the Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show on June 5, 2021. He reviewed the event details, shared a map of the event and discussed road closures and entertainment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Leonard read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) Approve and adopt the April 7 and April 21 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approve the April-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve and adopt the April 7 and April 21 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the April-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$445,310.98, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider approving 203 E 12th Avenue (Lot 2) zoning escrow release in the amount of \$48.97

Ms. Cecco stated that items a.), b.) and c.) under Manager Matters pertain to zoning applications that have been heard with decisions that have been issued.

Ms. Leonard made a motion to approve 203 E 12th Avenue (Lot 2) zoning escrow release in the amount of \$48.97, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

- b.) Consider approving 203 E 12th Avenue (Lot 3) zoning escrow release in the amount of \$48.97

Ms. Barton made a motion to approve 203 E 12th Avenue (Lot 2) zoning escrow release in the amount of \$48.97, seconded by Mr. Tutino. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

- c.) Consider approving 7 Tower Bridge zoning escrow release in the amount of \$733.31

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve 7 Tower Bridge zoning escrow release in the amount of \$733.31, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

- d.) Consider approving tuition reimbursements for Sgt. Murray and Detective Walter

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve tuition reimbursements for Sgt. Murray and Detective Walter, seconded by Ms. Tutino. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

- e.) Consider approving Resolution 2021-09 authorizing the sale of a Public Services truck on Municibid

Ms. Cecco explained that Borough Administration has identified a Public Services truck that is no longer of use to the Borough per the vehicle depreciation schedule. She described the vehicle and shared the minimum bid being requested.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 authorizing the sale of a Public Services truck on Municibid, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

- f.) Consider approving fundraising requests for the Friends of Conshohocken Parks

Ms. Cecco shared that the Friends of Conshohocken Parks is requesting approval to hold a monthly fundraiser in conjunction with the VFW and the Dog Park Advisory Committee to raise money for the Dog Park.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve a request of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to hold a monthly fundraiser event in conjunction with the VFW with proceeds being earmarked for the Dog Park, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

Ms. Cecco shared that the Friends of Conshohocken Parks is requesting approval to utilize fundraising dollars to reimburse costs for purchase of a banner and tablecloth to be used at special events.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve a request of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to utilize fundraising dollars to reimburse costs for purchase of a banner and tablecloth at a cost of \$220.63, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

Ms. Barton requested Council's approval to utilize fundraising proceeds to purchase vehicle magnets to be sold at the Conshohocken Arts Festival & Car Show with proceeds going to the Friends of Conshohocken Parks.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve a request of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks to utilize fundraising proceeds to purchase 100 magnets at a not to exceed cost of \$200.00, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 5-0. (Sokolowski and Flanagan absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR MATTERS

Mayor Aronson shared schedules for the VFW Post 1074 Flag Planting event and Memorial Day Services. He shared photographs from an event held at the Andrew Lannutti Post and provided social membership information. Mr. Aronson thanked residents for participating in the 2021 Primary Election.

Ms. Barton voiced her excitement for the Arts Festival and Car Show.

Ms. Flanagan recognized the Friends of Conshohocken Parks for establishing community partnerships.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager, stated that one (1) written public comment was submitted. Ms. Rogers read the comment.

Bertha Johnson, 305 East Elm Street, voiced her opposition of the proposed development at 261-263 East Elm Street. She described the neighborhood and explained that she would like to see more single-family homes. She discussed how the redevelopment would adversely impact parking in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary