

BOROUGH OF AKRON WORK SESSION – JULY 23, 2018

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Thomas Murray, Sr., Vice-President; Justin Gehman, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer.

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Kenelm L. Shirk, Solicitor; Michael Bingham, Zoning Officer; Dave Bair.

Meeting brought to order at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors

Dave Bair, 22 Dawn Avenue, Akron PA asked if Council would consider adding one to two more trails in the wooded area of the Roland Park. Nathan Imhoff will look into this and maybe this could be a possible Eagle Scout Project.

Chief Zell mentioned the ferrel cat issue in the Borough and he is telling people who are complaining about cats to contact the police department with an address and the police will talk to those people who are harboring outside cats.

Latitude 17 LLC

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss actual litigation related to Latitude 17 LLC Trailside Apartments. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. No decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Monica Hersh made a motion to ratify the actions of the Zoning Officer and Solicitor to date relating to Latitude 17 LLC including the filing of a complaint with the Magisterial District Judge and to authorize the Zoning Officer and Solicitor to continue to pursue that matter and also to oppose the Latitude 17 LLC proceeding before the Zoning Hearing Board. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transient Merchant

Mayor McBeth had questions on a Transient Merchant Application. Mayor McBeth asked the Solicitor if the Rail Trail is private property. The Solicitor said yes it is but it allows public access.

No Mow Area

John Williamson mentioned that 4 to 5 volunteers have been working on the no-mow areas at Colonial Park and 2 plots are finished and one more to go.

Municipal Rain Garden

The infiltration test for the Municipal Rain Garden will be done by Spenser EO Services LLC. Manheim at a cost of \$375 for one test (two tests were recommended). This is based on the Borough providing a backhoe and operator for a few hours.

Mayor McBeth mentioned he received a number of complaints on the pervious sidewalk at Colonial park. Sue Davidson will contact Crouse Concrete to set up a time to look at this sidewalk issue.

The Borough Manager distributed quotes for an ADA path for the gazebo. This item will be in the 2019 proposed budget and to include a handicap parking space.

The Borough Manager spoke to Ginger Good from Good's Disposal in regards to the comingling of trash the other week. Ginger was not aware of this issue and will look into this matter.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the Akron Fire Hall and this should be the last meeting of the Steering Committee.

Old/New Business

Darryl Witmer distributed examples of brochures that he could have printed up for the Borough. It would have pictures of the Borough and a list of events that take place throughout the year and will try to get sponsors to help pay for the printing.

Susan Davidson mentioned that Department of Environmental Protection issued a Notice of Violation in regards to an incident on June 13, 2018 at the Golf Course Lift Station. The violation was issued because DEP was not notified within four hours after becoming aware of the incident. A letter was sent to DEP asking them to waive any enforcement action.

Keith Landis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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