

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

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6:15 p.m. - Executive Session – Personnel

6:30 p.m. - Work Session – Chicken Discussion; Police Pension/PSU Reimbursement

CALL TO ORDER:

The April 2, 2018 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence (to pay respect to fallen Armed Forces members and Council members who have passed).

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Randall Brachbill
Ms. Renee Brown
Mr. Evan Duffey
Mr. Jon Eaton
Ms. Melissa Hombosky
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Mr. Michael Prendergast
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Ms. Anne Walker
Mayor Tom Wilson

EXCUSED: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Borough Assistant Manager

GUESTS: Emma Gonsalvez, *The Express*
Leah Guizar
Romaine Naylor
Kelsey Thomason
Norma Simmons
Bobbi Harpster
John W. Harpster, Jr.
John W. Harpster, III
Carrie Hutton
Aaron Neidgh

Larry Teaman
William Tressler, Esq.
Pat McCool
Phil Donley
Taylor Harpster
Chief Shawn Weaver, Bellefonte Borough Police

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Officer Macy N. Harpster

Weaver introduced Officer Macy N. Harpster. Wilson swore the new officer into office. (*applause*) Harpster thanked the Borough for giving her the opportunity to serve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Duffey moved to approve the March 19, 2018 meeting minutes;
Brachbill seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

(The following items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of Council request specific items to be removed for separate action).

Resolution No. 04022018-01 Hanging of Banner for Children's Fair (May 14 – June 4, 2018)

**Brachbill moved to accept Resolution 04022018-01;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

Email from M. Wickham re: allowing backyard chickens

Stewart stated that this email was a request to allow backyard chickens. This topic was discussed in work session and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Email re: Lock Change Bellefonte Soccer Association

The Bellefonte Soccer Association would like to use the back field of Governor's Park. They are asking to change the lock that opens the gate to the rear field.

**Duffey moved to approve changing the lock as requested;
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

Brachbill inquired whether the gate would be kept locked and opened only for soccer. Stewart stated that was his understanding. Holderman did not have any conversation with the representative and asked him to show up at the Council meeting to answer questions. Prendergast explained that the email stated that there are many keys that are given out and they just wish to reduce the keys. Tosti-Vasey suggested keeping the soccer field keys in the office, just as the Borough does with the Liberty Swing and compost facility. People could just check the key out and bring it back in to the office.

Hombosky stated that the gate is to access the soccer field. People can just park at the gate and walk back to the field. Soccer Association should not be the only ones to have keys to the gate. Holderman offered that it is not a big deal and if the Borough has keys it would not be an issue either way. The Soccer Association will pay for the keys.

Duffey called the question.

Motion carried.

Email from Chamber of Commerce re Chamber's 80 years of service celebration

Save the date for the celebration planned for May 27, 2018. More details forthcoming.

Letter from William Tressler, Esquire re: Plozner Subdivision – request to waive park fee

Letter for parkland fee waiver request. Stewart stated that the Plozner Subdivision came through the planning process, and it was noted that 10% fee in lieu of parkland would be required. The letter requests that fee be waived for this small subdivision. The criteria for the requirements of the ordinance were discussed by Tressler. The 10% fee will be about \$10,000-\$12,000. He suggested that the fee assessment in this amount may not be apportioned to the proposed use. He noted that there was a prior subdivision fully approved by the Borough. They did not go forward with that prior plan. Tressler stated that he is not asking for full waiver but granting of some relief of the fee, based on the previously submitted plan which was submitted before the ordinance was in force. It is a small family subdivision not meant for major development.

**Brachbill moved to waive the parkland fee;
Brown seconded the motion;**

Council members recalled approving this plan a few years ago. Johnson recalled leaving the fee issue open for further discussion.

Duffey asked if the fee could be met half way as to benefit the parks. The amount is a lot and he understood that. He suggested perhaps 2%. Hombosky agreed.

Duffey amended the motion.

**Duffey moved to change the required fee percent from 10% to 2% for the
Plozner Subdivision Plan;**

Stewart explained the ordinance requirements and how the fee is applied to a subdivision. If a request for waiver or modification is received, then Council would weigh in on that request. This

is on a case-by-case basis. The fee would be 2% of the currently appraised value. It would be about \$2,200.00.

Brachbill stated that he would like to waive the fee because the property owner is in nursing home care. The money may be liened if assets are no longer available.

Tressler stated that the cost of nursing home care is expensive, and the family resources have not been exhausted. When they are, a lien will accrue. During the time a person is in a care home, and resources are not exhausted, there are amenities that may be provided to Rose Plozner until she has exhausted all her assets.

**Hombosky seconded the motion;
Motion carried 6-3.**

**Chair: “All in favor of the amendment to institute a 2% fee say ay” – 6-3.
“The main motion now is to waive 8 out of the 10 percent and have a 2% fee assessed on the property – all in favor, say ay”, motion carried 9-0.**

Letter from WMF re: Talleyrand Park Phase 3 Construction Bid

Letter regarding the bid for construction for Talleyrand Park. The bids came in at the last meeting and were turned over to the consultants working on the project. There is a letter that lays out the recommendations for accepting the bids.

Tosti-Vasey stated that a motion would be needed to accept the following bids: \$27,875.00 by Strong Excavating for the construction of the mud sill along the bank of Spring Creek; and \$11,687.00 by John Spearly Construction for the brick paver walkway in Talleyrand Park. It was confirmed that the two bid winners have worked with the Borough prior.

**Hombosky moved to accept the bids;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Tosti-Vasey explained that only one bid came in for the third project and was much higher than budgeted for. The project will be rebid. Stewart explained that the consultants felt that they were not competitive since there was only one bid. It was recommended that the bid be rejected, and that the qualifications are revised in the specifications and reduce the size of the project for a rebid. Staff feels that the best course of action is for Council to reject the bid and move forward.

**Prendergast moved to reject the bid and request the Borough Manager to reassess the project and put it out for rebid;
Brachbill seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Letter from NVJRA re: Kepler Pool Grant – thank you

Letter of appreciation for Borough Council’s commitment to the project.

Email from S. Henfling re: Request to do Commercial Photography in Talleyrand Park

Request to do commercial photography in Talleyrand Park. The ordinance does not specifically prohibit this. It references getting permission for setting up a booth or table for items for sale. Stewart wanted to clarify if this activity is permitted. This person is looking for formal approval and states how they would assess fees.

**Hombosky moved to approve the request of S. Henfling to have photo shoots in the park;
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

Tosti-Vasey would like to have access to the pictures, giving the artist credit for the picture for posting to the website and such. She offered that this would be a nice trade off. Brown stated that the people in the picture would need to grant permission as well. Stewart stated that the ordinance needs to be clarified at some point. Brachbill stated that nothing in the ordinance states that the photographer has to give the pictures to the Borough. Stewart stated that a policy does need to be developed. The question at hand is can this photographer do this for now.

Hombosky also added that the photographer is a member of the Springboard and just started his business. She thought it would be nice to do this to help a new business owner out. Duffey stated that his business does fall under the current ordinance as he is selling a product while in the park. Hombosky stated that he is not setting up a booth at the park; his office is right across the street. Many people do this a day and never ask permission. The park is filled with photographers at all hours of the day. She does not think that this photographer should be penalized because he is asking for permission. He does his pictures on a donation basis and not set fee. Brown stated that everyone needs a permit to conduct business. Hombosky stated that he should never had asked for permission and just did it.

Motion carried.

The ordinance was discussed. Duffey stated that the ordinance is there to prohibit commercial activity without having been issued a permit and inconveniencing everyone at the park. Weaver spoke and stated that there has never been an issue with pictures in the park. Most people are very mindful of other people using the park. Brown agreed.

Suggestions re: Town clean up date and ordinance on littering

Suggestion to consider a clean-up day like the Clearwater Conservancy Clean Up Day on April 21, 2018. They would like consideration for the same date. There was concern about littering in right of ways and grass spaces between the curb and sidewalk. Brachbill offered that there would be no way to enforce any littering ordinance. No formal action was taken on the clean-up day. Brown added that if a request is made and not signed by a resident (anonymous) then it should not be considered.

Bellefonte Intervalley Chamber of Commerce request

The Chamber is interested in bringing back the circus on June 5, 2018. They would like to use the armory property or the waterfront property. Holderman added that this is a very big fundraiser for the chamber. Prendergast liked the idea of using the waterfront. Brachbill stated that parking would be a big issue. He liked the armory property better.

**Eaton moved to allow the Chamber to use the Armory property from June 4 through 6, 2018 for the circus;
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

The Chamber will provide a certificate of liability, per Mr. Holderman. Tosti-Vasey would like a deposit for damages. Holderman stated that there will be clause in the agreement with the circus in the event the property sells before June 5. Holderman will mention that if there are any issues with the grass, they will fix them. A donation to the fire police is also suggested.

Brachbill called the question.

Motion carried.

Bellefonte Rail Road Society

They were very thankful for the restroom renovations. They are contributing \$1,000 to that project. Council was appreciative.

Waterfront property use for local high school lacrosse team practice.

Wilson discussed the background of the struggle of lacrosse as a varsity sport. The school does not support the program. They said in the letter that they have been ignored by the school in trying to have a practice field. Wilson suggested helping in anyway the Borough can. If they want the field, he does not have a problem with it. Brachbill offered that if they open the waterfront to other things, then others will want to use it. The more use it gets the more upkeep it will need. Governor's park was suggested. Hombosky stated that the soccer field is used all the time. Last year, there was a request for other groups to use it from the high school. The park is reserved most of the time. Tosti-Vasey suggested holding off on this topic until the next meeting to get a handle on the usage at Governor's park to make a better-informed decision on this. Duffey suggested giving authority to Stewart and Holderman to make the decision which they think is best.

**Duffey moved to authorize Stewart/Holderman to consider the available spaces (the waterfront or another park) and find a suitable place for the lacrosse team to practice;
Hombosky seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

***Letter from Hartman Agency re: Bellefonte cruise Alcohol Permit
Documentation from Pat McCool re: 3-day alcohol permit***

Stewart stated that Mr. Tim McCool was present in the audience.

ORAL:

McCool presented information to Council regarding the permit. There was a sample of a waiver sheet as well. Hombosky inquired about the physical boundaries of the alcohol sales area. McCool stated that it would not necessarily be like a beer garden. The area would be clearly designated. Volunteers would be set up to man the crosswalk areas to maintain the alcohol in the designated area. Roping or cones are being investigated. He is not 100% sure what the boundary will be but there will be something clearly specifying where the area will be.

Wilson stated that he spoke with some Elks members today and he is passing on information from them. They were wondering why The Cruise had not come to the Elks before planning this. They open the club to the public during The Cruise and they donate about \$2,500 to The Cruise. McCool stated that he is a 37-year member of the Elks. He is known personally. He had no idea of their concerns otherwise he would have addressed it with them. McCool stated that they are asking for permission to do the alcohol sales which would be the first step. If permission is not granted, then it is not an issue. The next step is to consult with the businesses in the area as well. By no means is The Cruise looking to disrupt business or cause any hard feelings. The Elks is a private club and the only public bar in the area is The Governor's Pub. The event will be watched over with scrutiny by the police, McCool, and other members of The Cruise committee.

Wilson stated that feedback is needed from the businesses and not after permission is granted. How the community will accept this is key to approval of the permit. Personally, Wilson is okay with the alcohol permit, but feedback is needed.

Wristbands will be issued for of age persons, but all persons may be passed through. This is not etched in stone. The kids usually congregate around the stage area, per McCool. Eaton compared this to Wingfest at Tussey where there are kids intermingled with the adults drinking with wristbands. It appears that most of the public is NOT in favor of the alcohol sales at The Cruise. Johnson is not for it.

Mr. Larry Teaman addressed Council. He was on The Cruise committee for many years. He wanted to know the benefit of the alcohol sales at a car show. The idea of the show is for the merchants in town and not for people to set up on the diamond and sell alcohol. The only thing they had in the past was snow cones, and a concession stand at the elementary school. The vendors are being deprived of business as it is set up now and with alcohol sales it will only exacerbate the situation. He concluded that this is all about the money and Council should not approve the permit.

McCool rebutted that money needs to be raised to fund other projects and organizations and that is what this is about. The alcohol is not about money but introducing something new into The Cruise. He is getting sponsorship money to take care of any fees involved.

Ms. Romaine Naylor, President of the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association and a resident of the Borough addressed Council. She is also a member of HBI. She inquired about

where the proceeds from The Cruise go. How does it benefit the community to have this event? McCool stated that more sponsorship doors have opened, and bigger names are potentially interested in sponsorship. All proceeds go into the community, HBI, park benches, garden club, Halloween parade, scholarships, etc., in the community. McCool does not have a definitive answer of how much revenue will increase with beer sales. There has been more interest in sponsorship with the beer sales than without. Both television stations have been involved. They have not been involved for years. Small steps have been taken to make the show better. More entertainment has been added. Professional judges have also been sought out.

Eaton inquired on why the draw of sponsorship when beer is added to the mix. He explained that he attended car shows in Hershey and Carlisle and they do not sell alcohol at those events. McCool mentioned a few names of sponsors but was hesitant to mention those without signed contracts. It is opening avenues for more and bigger sponsors to allow The Cruise to do more for the community.

Duffey appreciated McCool's efforts to address Council's request. Brachbill stated that an article in the newspaper was released and more people are hearing about this. A license needs to be applied for with the state as well, per McCool. Prendergast agreed with Wilson in that public input is needed before any decision is made. McCool stated that on behalf of himself and The Cruise committee, if it does not happen, there will not be any hard feelings.

**Prendergast moved to table The Cruise alcohol permit issue;
Brachbill seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Tosti-Vasey encouraged the public to come to the next Council meeting to voice concerns or support and/or send emails to Council.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shade Tree Symposium

Tosti-Vasey attended the symposium with Holderman last week. State College Borough has a created a community tree plan that inventories all the shade trees in the town and creates a plan for plantings, maintenance and pruning and provides education to the public in what is called an urban forest. This was started in 1993 and it includes recommended tree planting recommended based on climate change. The Borough shade tree committee in conjunction with AmeriCorps or the PSU sustainability program could create a similar plan for Bellefonte.

Currently Bellefonte Borough purchases burlap and ball trees for planting. They are very heavy and require extra work to plant them. The Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension service coordinates a fall and spring bare root bulk purchase program for municipalities. The criteria were placed in the packet. The advantage is that volunteers from the community can assist in planting the trees without use of heavy equipment. They are less expensive and expose the entire root system so that any repair to the roots can be done before planting. Any tree purchased must be planted within one week of delivery to ensure survival.

Holderman stated that if the Borough decided to go this route, a crew would be sent to the Williamsport office of the extension to help unload the trees and bring the trees back to the

Borough. This could be coordinated with volunteers or crew members. This could be set up. Five to ten trees are planted every fall in the residential areas. A grant was issued a few years ago where trees were purchased and some of the ones cut down were replaced. They are nice sized trees they just need to be planted in a timely manner. Staff works on this campaign in the fall and lets the public know that a tree may be available if they need a tree. Prendergast would like to see the program advertised to the residents. Tosti-Vasey added that the Extension had a listing of about 50 trees to choose from.

Holderman also mentioned that with the new website, if anyone gets any questions from residents regarding the Shade Tree Commission, everything is on the website. If someone wants to request a tree be removed, that can be requested on the website. It automatically goes to the commission members and assists in them making decisions regarding the trees. Borough right of way trees need the permission of the Borough to cut them down. Hombosky inquired if the information at hand can be added to the website as well. Holderman stated that if Council decides to go with the Extension trees, it can be added.

**Hombosky moved to try the bare root trees for community street plantings;
Eaton seconded the motion;**

Prendergast discussed softwood trees dying off. He asked about this program being applied to trees in the alleys. Stewart stated that is something that the Borough does not have control of. A property owner could order a tree to put there, per Tosti-Vasey. The area would still have to be approved by Borough staff for any utility interference. A PA-ONE call would need to be done as well.

Eaton called the question.

Motion carried.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Forum April 18, 2018

Tosti-Vasey reported that this forum will be on the water uses within the Spring Creek Watershed 7 to 9 p.m. at CPI and is facilitated by the Environmental Law Center at PSU. This forum replaces the usual meeting held at the Borough building.

Drive Electric PA Meeting HB1446

Tosti-Vasey attended this meeting last week. Focus was on a draft strategic plan to increase light duty, electric use vehicles throughout the Commonwealth. The plan will be finalized by June. It will include methods to decrease costs, create infrastructure and assist consumers, municipalities, utilities, and developers in reaching the 80 by 50 EV goal.

HB1446 was discussed as well. This has now passed out of the House of Transportation Committee (March 13, 2018). Several amendments included giving better instruction on how utilities can assist in the implementation of a transportation electrification program, creating regional goals and requiring flexibility on how consumers pay for public charging. If this bill passes, it would aid in accepting credit cards or charging an additional fee for electric charging at the charging facilities that will be in the Borough. April 9 the House will vote on this bill.

BelleKey Update

Stewart reported on the BelleKey draft assessment with the assistance of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center. Shannon Wright could not make the meeting tonight. When there is a complete first draft, Wright will come in to the meeting and go through the assessment that the program has gone through. The Springboard has been expanding with new tenants and Wright has been kept very busy with HARB items, etc.

Hombosky reported that the DCED turn up interviews took place at an all-day meeting. BelleKey got good reviews from the DCED and all the hard work that Wright has put into the organization was recognized.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Chief Weaver stated that with the warm weather, more pedestrians will be out and about downtown. He asked that pedestrians be careful when crossing the street and do not walk out blindly into traffic. Heeding the pedestrian rules is strongly advised. Saturday nights are very busy in town.

Wilson thanked everyone for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt. He walked downtown to see it and there were many people there and thousands of eggs. Sponsors donated bicycles. It is very well attended.

Wilson attended a Pennsylvania Recreation Parks conference. He would like to recruit Hombosky to attend next year's conference. Next year's conference is at Penn State. DCNR, DCED, etc. do attend. It is very good to connect with people and network with contacts. One forum he attended, Brownfield into Playfields, was of interest to him. There is a state task force set up by Gov. Wolfe to take on five projects around the state. The closest is in Williamsport. They took brownfields, and rehabbed them into soccer fields, parks, greenways, and trails. Wilson would like Council to investigate and consider a fuller membership in this organization as it is a key organization when it comes to parks and recreation. He would also like to talk with the NVJRC and try to make it a stronger organization. If it more of a regional effort instead of individual township and Borough. He would like to include Milesburg as well.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – HARB Items

ZONING/PLANNING:

Stewart mentioned that the Borough is planning on having the Public Hearing on the two zoning amendments (stadium and tattoo establishment) on April 16, 2018 as part of the next Council meeting.

HARB:

Certificate of Appropriateness for 120 W. Lamb Street

**Brachbill moved to approve the certificate for 120 W. Lamb Street
Duffey seconded the motion.**

Tosti-Vasey had concern about this project as it relates to ADA accessibility. She drove by the site earlier in the day and there is a ramp between 120 W. Lamb and the other church building just off the street from it. She was not sure about where the ramp went as far as which building. There is an annex building with the ramp and next to it is the church hall. Brachbill opined that it was not Council's responsibility to analyze the permitting on this project, and just to approve or deny the project. Tosti-Vasey just wanted to make sure this issue is resolved before the building permit is issued to the developer. If they do have to put a ramp in it will go back to HARB.

Hombosky offered to make the certificate of appropriateness conditional.

Brachbill accepted the amendment to the motion.

Hombosky moved to approve this project on the condition that a ramp is not required;
Brown seconded the motion;
Motion carried with one nay.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Point Person, Anne Walker

The pre-construction meeting for Lot A will be held on April 4, 2018, in Council Chambers at 10 a.m. ELA and staff and Council members are welcome to attend. The parking lot will be shut down in mid-April and construction is expected to last 2-3 months. When construction there is completed, the CVS parking lot will be closed for construction and both are estimated to be done by early fall. Relative to The Cruise, ELA is hoping that Parking Lot A is done by June 12. The goal has always been to get the lot done by The Cruise. Holderman stated that more will be known about the construction schedule on Wednesday.

FINANCE AND GOV'T PERFORMANCE - Point Person, Evan Duffey

Masons' Spending Report

Duffey reported on the Mason's contribution to the police. Information is in the packet.

Quarterly Police Department Budget Review Meeting

He would like to see the Department Budget be a special committee. Duffey would like to meet with Weaver and Lori Walker and a smaller committee to keep this out of the work session for time sake that evening. Eaton, Duffey, Tosti-Vasey and possibly Brachbill will form this committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Point Person, Melissa Hombosky

Duck signage sample was included in the packet. Hombosky is asking for approval. The 24 x 18 sign is being considered. The printer recommended this. Four signs will be ordered. The vending feeders have been ordered as well, per Holderman.

Duffey moved to approve the signage;
Johnson seconded the motion;

Duffey called the question

Motion carried.

Krauss Park clean-up is Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Holderman stated that there will be shovels and rakes and other materials available. Hombosky stated that is on the website community calendar as 9 p.m. It is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, confirmed. Volunteers should meet at Krauss Park.

The CDBG Talleyrand Bridge Project will be advertised Wednesday, April 4. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on April 7 at 10 a.m. Bids will be opened at the May 7 Council meeting. The project should be completed by the fall, per Holderman.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Point Person, Renee Brown

Memo re: Part Time Public Works Employees

Brown reported on the police collective bargaining agreement. Tosti-Vasey added that two more volunteers are needed for the committee. Hombosky volunteered. Holderman remarked to Council that the meetings are long and frequent. Duffey also volunteered.

SAFETY – Point Person, Randy Brachbill

Nothing to report.

WATER/SANITATION – Point Person, Doug Johnson

Johnson reported that the Authority meets April 3, 2018.

Stewart also put information in the packet on the PA Rural Water Conference.

There was a water main brake on Benner Avenue and the crew repaired it quickly.

Finance options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be discussed at the April 3 meeting.

Brush pick up starts this week. Wednesday is pick up day, so residents should put their brush out Tuesday evening. You must have a brush can. You can put both brush or leaves.

Stewart reported that the compost facility will be open this Saturday for the season 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Commercial tree haulers need to come to the Borough to pay a tipping fee prior to dumping.

STREETS – Point Person, Jon Eaton

Street pruning on High Street has finished.

Winter cinder clean up has begun; street sweeping is ongoing.

Motorcycle parking policy will be developed within the Borough. It will not impact existing automobile parking. Street staff will be consulted as to whether the cycle spaces should be located.

Household Hazardous Waste –

Collection at the Centre County Recycling Center – April 27, 9-5 p.m. and 28 8 – 2 p.m. Bring in weed killer, insecticides, pool chemicals, cleaners, etc. Flyer is posted on the Borough website.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION –Point Person, Mike Prendergast

Meeting will be held this Wednesday with the PSU Sustainability Team regarding solar panels. Meeting scheduled for 12 noon.

The group is having a showcase event on April 23 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the State College Borough Building. All student projects will be presented. Holderman reported that the student's professor wanted Council to know how much effort the students put into the project for us this past year. If anyone can attend, please speak with the students about the projects that they did this past year.

Homeowner stormwater workshop 6-8 p.m., April 24, 2018. This is part of the PSU Sustainability program. The Borough is just helping through the logistics and PSU students are putting together this workshop at the Match Factory Place. More publicity is forthcoming, per Holderman.

OLD BUSINESS:

Multimodal Grant Application

Multimodal transportation grant to replace existing traffic lights in town at two locations was discussed. Stewart wanted to clarify that after discussion with PennDOT and some of the recent projects, the estimate is \$700,000. A 30% match is \$210,000. Stewart is asking that it be put on the record that match is acceptable to Council as opposed to the \$350,000 approved at the March 19, 2018, meeting..

The grant application was due Friday and has been submitted. Holderman stated that the funding will likely come from the liquid fuels - \$182,000. Walker said that goes up anywhere from 5-15% per year. Estimating liquid fuels could be projected at \$192,000. That is proposed to use for the match, making the match about \$20,000 short which Council could use the special projects fund to cover the additional cost.

Again, the application was due last Friday and we had to make a decision. The three intersections that were completed so far cost \$1.2 million. Holderman stated that the Borough would have three years to complete the project but expects it to be completed in 16 months. PennDOT would be involved in the permitting process of the project. An engineer would need to be hired to do the design. They would work with PennDOT.

**Prendergast moved to amend the amount of the grant application to \$700,000;
Johnson seconded the motion;**

Motion carried with one nay (Duffey).

Rainworks

Stewart reported on the Rainworks markings. They will be removing the markings out front of the Borough building and you can look at the sidewalk to see if there has been any remnants or residue. It was a smiley face.

April 16, 2018 work session – parking lot kiosks, fees, electric vehicle charging station policy

Update on ADA walk at Masullo Park

Holderman reported that the contract has not been received from CDBG yet. He spoke with Matt the other day. A lot of the counties have gotten their information already. Holderman has a call into J.J. Powell to speak about the possibility of requesting an easement on the property so that a ramp can be placed at the park. Late summer or early fall is the timeline on the project.

Handicapped Parking at 139 S. Allegheny Street

Notes are in the packet regarding this address. There has been discussion prior on this. Other businesses did not want this. It was moved up the street. Tosti-Vasey suggested that BelleKey get involved since it is a business situation in the downtown. Hombosky will ask about this issue and report back to Council.

Brachbill reported on the Mister Rogers event held two weeks ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Leaf pick up – begins week of April 9, 2018. Stewart stated that it would be your normal trash pickup day.

OTHER:

Brachbill requested a five-minute Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

**Brachbill moved to adjourn the meeting;
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.