

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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6:00 p.m. Work Session – 2019 Budget; Bike Racks

6:30 p.m. Signage, Nancy Perkins

CALL TO ORDER:

The August 6, 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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager

EXCUSED: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

GUESTS: Nancy Perkins
Tally Fisher
True Fisher
Gary Hoover

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Johnson moved to approve the July 16, 2018 meeting minutes, as amended;
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).

Communication: Letter Request from BAHS re: Cross Country Team
Finance: Voucher Summary June 2018
Finance: Treasurer's Report
Finance: Stover McLaughlin Invoice

**Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda;
Duffey seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

Comcast Business Update

Tosti-Vasey reported to Council that the consortium contract is currently in the hands of Comcast and once the attorneys have heard from them, another Cable Consortium meeting will be held to finalize the contract for the next ten years, which is the typical time frame for this agreement.

Letter from Bellefonte Waterfront Associates, LLC re: Bellefonte Waterfront District

This letter explained what the developer plans to do with the waterfront property. Holderman reported that there was a press conference held last week regarding this proposal. Tom Songer and Mike Rath were the two partners that were at the press conference.

Thank you from M. Maney (Bellefonte Wrestling)

Council received a thank you note for allowing Bellefonte Wrestling to use Talleyrand Park for a wrestling match. Holderman does not think that the match took place due to weather, but he sent a thank you for allowing the use.

Letter from CC Commissioners re: R-4 Zoning Proposal. Need three (3) volunteers to meet on August 28, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Tosti-Vasey was looking for three volunteers from Council to meet with the County on August 28 at 11:30 a.m. Johnson, Hombosky and Wilson volunteered. Brachbill said he'd check his schedule. Tosti-Vasey will also be present.

Memo re: New Beginnings Request

At the prior meeting, there was clarification requested from Council on the New Beginning's request. This was followed up on and they are aware that they need to pay both the fee and Talleyrand Park reservation fees.

**Hombosky moved to allow New Beginnings to hold their event on June 15, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. paying the application rental fee and the deposit will be kept from 2018;
Prendergast seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Invoice for \$800.00 Aumiller and Curtin

Invoice for appraisal services that was performed for the parcel at Masullo Park which belonged to JJ Powell. They are donating the property, so the Borough is paying for the appraisal. Closing will be next Wednesday. The property appraised for \$3,600.

**Brachbill moved to approve the invoice;
Duffey seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Request from Weber, Murphy, and Fox

On behalf of Centre County Government, Weber, Murphy, and Fox would like Council's approval for three temporary construction parking spaces adjacent to the Courthouse. This would be three contiguous stalls located adjacent to the front entrance along the uphill side of E. High Street from September 2018 through November 2018. Karen Gardner, with the police, told them there is a \$10.00-day fee for each space. They said that they will cover the cost for the spaces.

**Duffey moved to approve the request for the three temporary parking spaces with a fee of \$10.00 paid per day;
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

It was not clear which spaces they would like to reserve. There was discussion on which spaces they should be given for their equipment.

Duffey called the question.

Motion carried.

ORAL:

Pergola Project

True Fisher, Chairperson of the Talleyrand Park Committee spoke with Council about the pergola. She wanted to explain to Council why the pergola was built. She felt that there was a little confusion about the history of the pergola at the prior Council meeting. It was constructed in 1988 along with the suspension bridge and gazebo. She spoke about the repair project and how the bids came in over budget. The committee agreed to get rid of the wisteria, so it will not be a problem anymore. She stated that the Borough had not put any money into the pergola in thirty years. There has been no repainting and the branches never got cut out and the wisteria is long overgrown. There is a \$19,000 overrun. She wished that Council remember that the park committee put in \$21,000 for matching funds for the park for this grant and that included the stream bank near the pergola and the ADA sidewalk.

In 2013, the committee got a \$12,000 grant and did the first part of the reclamation of the stream bank behind the gazebo. The committee has been helping out with these items as much as they can and are happy to do it.

Fisher stated that they are going to have some other fundraisers in the fall, but they will never be able to raise \$19,000 in a short amount of time. Fisher, Holderman and Spearly Construction (the contractor that put in the bid to redo the pergola) met today down at the pergola. Fisher and Holderman asked the contractors to come up with ideas on how to cut some of the costs down. The contractor has not gotten back to them as of tonight's meeting. The big costs are prevailing wages and materials.

The Talleyrand Park Committee members gave some ideas as well. There are about 20 members. Fisher read some comments:

Gay Dunne said that the pergola should be a high propriety project as Talleyrand Park is a frequent tourist and community destination and the site of many events and is often featured in photos and videos and its maintenance must be immaculate.

Leslie Porter is a new member. She said that the park is a standout and will continue to be a visitor destination with projects like this that sustain its beauty and character. She opined that a passion flower vine may be a good replacement for the wisteria as it is soft and not woody with beautiful flowers.

Justin Kozak inquired if the Pennsylvania Conservation group who built originally built the pergola were contacted.

Tally Fisher stated that perhaps the roof could be modified to provide more shade in lieu of the wisteria.

Caroline Dubois wrote in and said that there are a number of options for providing shade.

Elizabeth Hague stated that this project is a high priority issue and she agrees that there are better designs for shade that do not require plants. She opined that the big planter is too big.

Wilson suggested that maybe businesses would be willing to kick in some money.

In conclusion, Fisher stated that it is important to get the pergola project done now while there is a grant and while the committee funds are available for use with this grant.

The total cost of the project was \$49,000 and \$19,000 is needed. Holderman said that there may be able to be some change orders done after the bid contract is signed eliminating the inside lattice and some other changes that may decrease the cost.

Wilson stated that he thinks that this “can has been kicked down the road long enough” and if he could make a motion he would. He asked someone to make a motion and move forward on this project whether it be now or during the Parks reports.

Signs

Garry Hoover mentioned that he spoke with Nancy Perkins at the Chamber regarding getting highway signs out as part of the interchange rebuild on Interstate 80. They have something similar to that in Brookville. Signage of that nature is not directly controlled by PennDOT and is controlled by trust to which PennDOT has turned that responsibility over to. You cannot get the brown historical signs on the highway anymore. What they offered were the blue attraction signs which are very costly i.e. \$14,000. As part of the transportation plan, the Chamber commented why there cannot be green signs. PennDOT’s trusts answer was that they cannot provide those either. Effort was made to get the signs.

Kiosks were one idea years ago, i.e. a lighted kiosk on the outskirts, i.e. Lykens Market. There would be a pull off. He is very much in favor of doing the directional signage described in the Downtown Bellefonte, Inc. Design Committee presentation in the Work Session; the Chamber commented some years ago for the need for the signs. There is a standard blue visitor information sign near Talleyrand Park as Perkins mentioned.

The Chamber has also spoken with PSU and CATA to see if weekend bus transportation can be improved between State College and the Borough. There is none on Sunday’s at all. With all the things happening in Bellefonte, i.e. First Sunday events, it would be nice to see CATA running to Bellefonte on Sundays.

Hoover also commented on the Victorian history in Bellefonte. That is a broad 64-year period that covers Bellefonte.

Johnson commented that at the last CCMPO meeting, there was discussion for Victorian Bellefonte in the new I-80/I-99 interchange. He cannot be 100% sure but he seemed to recall discussion regarding this. He will check with Tom Zilla to see if that is on the to-do list. He will bring that back to the next meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Report – Tosti-Vasey

Spring Creek Watershed Commission is working on an update of their 2002 Watershed Plan. The update committee met last week to assess the state of the plan. Originally, they were doing public meetings, but they found that they were not productive, so they restarted the clock and the committee will take into account the need for current water quality and quantity information before it is taken back out to the public again. They are creating two technical work groups that will be formed to focus on quality and quantity. These groups will provide guidance for the development, collection, and dissemination of information and technology for an integrated water management a protection plan. The information developed will be posted on the Spring Creek Watershed website and future public meetings will be scheduled once this is put together. Tosti-Vasey was added to the SCWC Update Coordinating committee so as to include a member from the lower end of the watershed in these discussions.

Cabinet in the Community Report – Tosti-Vasey

Tosti-Vasey provided feedback from the Cabinet in the Community. This was a meeting held July 19, 2018 with Governor Wolf's cabinet members. The Centre County forum was held at PSU and included presentations by four of the secretaries: Department of Health, Department of Environmental Protection, Agriculture and Education. The meeting lasted about three hours.

Tosti-Vasey recounted the highlights. There is a rural health initiative that contains a \$25,000,000 grant to support hospitals to improve quantity and quality of service.

Birth certificates are taking a very long time to process, and in the 2018-2019 fiscal-year budget, there is more money in for more hires and an update to their IT system. Hopefully this backlog will be mitigated if not eliminated by the end of the year.

The DEP has recently released new guidelines for protection of the environment and communities dealing with methane gas release (fracking). They are looking at the EPA guidelines to improve the regulations.

Also, relative to stormwater, MS4 costs are going up. Bellefonte is most likely going to have to go under the MS4 regulations after the next census. Over the next 15 years the EPA will require the reduction of sediment flow into the Chesapeake by an additional 15%. They are looking for more collaboration between the municipalities to meet the stormwater issued guidelines.

The DEP is looking to the public to provide ideas on how to control stormwater flows. Ideas can be submitted at the website for the DEP. Go to either the PA Department of Environmental Protection OR the Department of Agriculture and google [search] for "stormwater:" the contact person's name and contact info is located somewhere on that page.

The Department of Ag had an interesting presentation relative to broadband access. They are looking at the rural electric coop program from the 20th century to see if they can use as a model to expand broadband throughout the rural areas. The Borough is doing well, but parts of Centre Hall and Millheim have no access. The Department of Ag is working with PennDOT to provide

“last mile access” to make sure that the underground infrastructure is available to obtain access to broadband.

FYI – Vision Statement for Bellefonte Waterfront

Holderman discussed the vision statement regarding the developer’s vision for the waterfront. Two critical things in the sales agreement would be that the Borough would assist with a grant application that was due last week, and that was done. The other important factor was that the Borough would have some say in the appraiser that looked at the property. This was done last Friday.

Tosti-Vasey confirmed that the walkway will continue for public use and will continue to be maintained by the Borough and was not part of the sale. There have been many people asking why the Borough was selling and not keeping the open space as a park. That would not be possible due the costs incurred, i.e. taxes, etc.

The developer agreed to submit conceptual designs for the site so that the Borough Planning Commission and HARB can review what they are proposing, and it will be complimenting to the character of Bellefonte. They also understand that all environmental standards need to be met and are important to the community. They will maximize their conservation efforts, including stormwater management and energy efficiency throughout the property. They also agreed that all buildings will be constructed of high quality standards and will meet or exceed code requirements for energy efficiency and water conservation.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The annual arts and crafts festival is this Friday and Saturday and will be downtown and not in the park. The mainstage is in front of the courthouse. Wilson invited people out to support the festival.

Wilson received a call from Dam Donuts, and there are a couple issues that he would like to see addressed relative to streets.

Wilson and others will be working with Clearwater Conservancy regarding the quarry recreation project.

Security in the Talleyrand Park was discussed. Wilson reported that the police are aware of it. There was a sign posted at the gazebo as well. He stopped down after dark on his own and the fact that the park is closed at dusk is all that is needed to be known. If anyone is in the park after dusk, they should be removed or cited. Discretion can be used as to intentions. The loitering ordinance was brought up and Holderman will take a look at it.

Wilson offered that the more adult presence in the park after dusk to check things out the better. The park is closed and there should not be people in the park.

Lights have been put up in the gazebo and the Chief of Police has instructed his staff to check it out, per Holderman. Some summers this happens and sometimes it does not. Once school starts, the littering, loitering and vandalism may go away.

According to Gary Hoover, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, the kids are using the outlets for charging their chargers at the train station and are hanging around the train station. The video cameras at the train station have not worked for a long time. The cameras need to be fixed so that vandals can be identified per Wilson. The Borough purchased them and put them at the train station on the outside.

Duffey compared this to the fishing on the walkway citation issues. Wilson reported that no citations have been issued. Duffey interjected that there are still people down there fishing. He opined that people will not listen unless it is going to cost them money or they are going to get in trouble. He offered that until the loitering kids are in trouble they will not listen.

Wilson stated that this creates a dilemma with the police force as they do a lot of work trying to work with people in the town to be part of the team and not adversaries. If someone is arrested for fishing, then an adversarial situation has been created.

Tosti-Vasey spoke with one of the police officers last Saturday about the loitering. He basically said that they are the same kids they see time after time. Duffey offered that if the rules are not enforced, people will not respect them.

Eaton suggested checking with an electrician to see if the Borough can obtain a locking cover on the train station outside outlet boxes. He thought that this was a possibility. If the security cameras are used, someone will need to review the tapes to see if there the park problem remains. The cost of the equipment was discussed, and Brown interjected that the cost of the vandalism is more than what the equipment costs.

Tosti-Vasey summarized Council's concerns and remedies. She stated that the security issues need to be added to the 2019 Budget.

Brown stated that the camera at the train station only captures people coming through the door. She stated that the cameras need to be placed high up to see a wide view of the park.

Gary Hoover from the Chamber of Commerce offered that the Chamber has told the kids that they do not mind if they stay at or near the train station as long as they are reasonable and orderly and keep in mind that it is the visitor's center. They were told to watch their language and not be intimidating to people especially to older persons. Graffiti and damage to the building has been noted in the area.

Brown stated that there was also a group of boys throwing their shoes at the ducks. She also gets complaints about the language as there are children in the park. That is a big complaint she hears.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – HARB Items

ZONING/PLANNING:

Zoning Modification Requests – Consider Sending to Planning Commission for Review/Recommendation (Gamble Mill email)

Holderman stated that the potential buyers of the Gamble Mill asked Council to consider sending their request for zoning modification to Planning Commission for review and recommendation. The request is for more impervious surface and to allow smaller apartments than what the current zoning reflects.

**Eaton moved to deny the request to forward the zoning modification request to Planning Commission for review;
Duffey seconded the motion;**

Eaton is against the request to increase the impervious coverage. Brachbill stated that the Borough has a vision of how they would want waterfront to look. He believes they are on their way to that and he does not want to see something upset that by changing the zoning at this point. Brown stated that if they did allow apartments, the parking would be an issue. Holderman stated that the potential buyers' plan is to lease the parking and have already received permission from Seda-COG to do that. Hombosky would like to see a letter sent to the Planning Commission stating that Council disagrees with their proposed zoning amendment.

Hombosky amended the motion.

**Hombosky moved to send a letter to the Planning Commission stating that Council does not agree with the requested zoning changes;
Brachbill seconded the motion;**

Tosti-Vasey does not agree with the impervious change either and considering where the property is located, if it was increased, there will be serious stormwater issues down the road. Relative to the apartments, she believes this increases the negative environmental impact by crowding people into less than half of the currently permitted zoning space. Additionally, if there were to be a zoning change it would affect the entire waterfront district and she does not agree with such tight quarters for permanent housing.

Motion carried.

HARB:

Memo from S. Wright

Holderman stated that there were no certificates of appropriateness for approval, but Shannon Wright included a memo outlining items that did not require Council action.

The memo also contained issues relative to the Zoning Hearing Board. There are two issues, neither of which required Council action. There is also a HARB vacancy.

One of the items is 310-312 Willowbank Street (Catherman's Service Center). The applicants are prospective buyers who would like to sell autos at the property. This use is not permitted in the Village Commercial District. The applicant claimed that this had been done at the property previously. The application is appealing the decision of the Zoning Officer to allow car sales on the property.

The second item is 231 Ridge Street and 231 E. Burrows Street, where the property owner is looking to reestablish and straighten the property lines.

**Duffey moved to advocate for the change for 231 Ridge/231 E. Burrows Street to straighten out the property lines to create a better lot shape for the future sale of those lots;
Hombosky seconded the motion;**

Brachbill offered that he thought that this would go to Zoning Hearing Board to make sure that the lot lines are correct and would come back to Council. Tosti-Vasey stated that when someone goes before the Zoning Hearing Board, anyone, including Council can make a statement whether they oppose or support the issue. A letter will be sent to the Zoning Hearing Board on behalf of Council.

Motion carried.

**Duffey moved to advocate for the buyers of the service center allowing them a change of use to allow for an auto sales lot;
Johnson seconded the motion;**

Duffey inquired what is permitted use in Village Commercial for the commercial part. He stated that auto sales is a legitimate business that would be in a village. This garage has been sitting vacant for some time.

Hombosky opined that she does not want the Borough to look like a used car lot when you are coming into one of the major gateways. It is also one of the worst intersections in the Borough with the gas station, the new retail center and the EMS is across the street. There are two car lots coming elsewhere into town and she does not think there is a need for another one.

Brachbill agreed with the traffic issue. When the new retail building fills up on the corner of Phoenix Avenue and then a car lot goes in across the street, he does not think it is a good space. Brachbill offered that Council let this play out and then make the decision once it gets to that point, so the exact plan is known. Maybe PennDOT can do another traffic study.

Duffey read through the allowable uses in Village Commercial and he stated that all of the other proposed businesses would surely have more traffic than a car lot.

Holderman reminded Council that the vote is not to allow, but only advocate. The Zoning Hearing Board will hear the case. Johnson stated that he agreed with Duffey's point in that every entrance to the Borough has a car lot. The opinion was of the Zoning Officer and her interpretation of the current zoning. Tosti-Vasey suggested either sending a letter to advocate or not to advocate. If the vote to advocate for the exemption fails, then second motion to oppose could be presented.

Duffey called the question.

Motion to send letter to the Zoning Hearing Board to advocate for the sale of cars here in the Commercial Village zone failed.

No motion was made to send letter to the Zoning Hearing Board to oppose the sale of cars in this district. Since no motion was made, Council is remaining silent on this issue.

Tosti-Vasey sent Council's condolences to Martha Mahan on the loss of her husband. He was board member on HARB.

There is a vacancy on HARB and the replacement will need to be a registered architect. Mr. Mahan was a registered architect who moved to this area from Virginia. He provided a lot of good insight to the Board.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY – Point Person, Anne Walker

Memo re: Parking Kiosks Costs

Walker stated that after implementing the new parking lot kiosks at \$1.25 per hour, many Council members have had a lot feedback from residents. Fee decreases were proposed.

Walker moved to reduce the price from 1.25 per hour to \$1.00 per hour, eliminate the 5-hour limit, make the minimum amount of time 24 minutes for .50 and create monthly parking pass for half days up to noon for seniors at \$20.00 per month to be sold at the YMCA;

Johnson seconded the motion;

Eaton discussed the rates and making sure the Borough is recouping enough money for maintenance. Holderman stated he feels that the new proposed rates are a better approach. He believed that there will be enough revenue. The parking lot was a hefty expense to repair and a lot of the increase is due to most people using credit cards in the kiosks. Most people in the new lot are using credit cards. To provide that service, there has to be a cost increase for that use.

Duffey echoed Eaton's concerns about revenue. The \$1.25 was agreed upon by Council, as other municipalities in the area have chosen that rate as well. If it is lowered, then a change needs to be made somewhere else. Holderman stated that probably by October, the CVS lot will be reflecting a change and the following year, the Waffle Shop lot will be reflecting it as well. The meters on the street will eventually be done over. The revenue is only going to increase anyway.

Tosti-Vasey stated that one thing that the Borough had not had before was the \$20.00 monthly half day parking pass for seniors. The YMCA will take the incentive to have the senior parking passes at their facility. The passes would need to be visible in the window of the car and the attendant would ticket those parked after noon. She feels that the \$20.00 fee will more than pay for itself.

Holderman stated that there will be a \$.50 minimum for the lot. The five-hour limit was eliminated as some people use the parking lot for all day when they are at work, so that is being eliminated. Brachbill suggested a simplified calculation to even the dollar out.

Holderman explained that when you go into the lot, and if you are just going into the bank for a few minutes you would put \$.50 for 24 minutes. If you think you are going to be longer, you put \$1 in for an hour. You pay before you park. Park Mobile app has not been set up yet but that is something that the Borough is considering. Going with this app may accrue other fees, but he is not certain.

Motion carried with Duffey opposing.

Pre-Construction Meeting on Parking Lot H is Thursday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.

There is a pre-con meeting on Parking Lot H on Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. This is for the lot at the CVS. The meeting will be held in Council chambers. Dates of construction will be identified at that meeting.

Request and to Coordinate a Bike Rack Proposal with DBI and staff

Tosti-Vasey announced that Council had a short bike rack discussion during the work session at the last Council meeting. A committee was put together to go forward with the issue of putting bike racks in. Nancy Perkins, from the design committee of Downtown Bellefonte, Inc., Walker, and Holderman are the committee persons. Once the proposal is done, they will report back to Council.

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

Current v. Prior June 2018
Budget v. Actual June 2018

Suggestions for the budget should be given to Lori Walker, Finance Director. She would need the suggestions within the next two weeks.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Point Person, Melissa Hombosky

Thank you to BHRS for their work on the Platform in front of the Train Station; ask staff for thank you letter

Hombosky thanked the BHRS for their work at the train station. She asked that staff send a formal than you letter to them. Brown explained that the work was done at the parking lot and the curbing where there used to be grass. The grass was removed and there are now bricks in place.

Mudsill work completed

The mudsill work was completed and looks very nice. It will most likely be reseeded in the fall per Holderman

Pergola bid expires prior to next meeting; Direction; Talleyrand Park Letter

The bid will expire.

**Hombosky moved to take her prior motion off the table;
Eaton seconded the motion;
Motion carried**

Hombosky thinks that the Bourgh should find the funds to finish the pergola work. She believes that the Talleyrand Parks Committee has done all that they can.

**Duffey moved to accept the bid for \$49,000 (John Spearly Construction)
which includes up to \$19,000 out of the bulk water fund;
Hombosky seconded the motion;**

Brachbill inquired about doing the project a little at a time. Holderman stated that the grant was for three separate projects. There is a brick paver pathway, the mudsill, and the pergola. It has to be done at one time when it is done. Tosti-Vasey inquired what would happen if the bid was turned down. Hombosky wanted to accept the bid and do the work next year and in the meantime, fund raise for it. Holderman stated that there is \$500,000 in the bulk fund. Covering the project would be \$19,000. The pergola is in bad shape and Hombosky would prefer not to defer the work for another year.

Holderman stated that if the Borough crews do anything to the top of the pergola that causes an issue, the first thing a contractor will do is come back to the Borough and say that the project site is not right, and it will cost more money now to fix it. He prefers not to go that route. The deadline for spending the grant money is December 2020. If the project is delayed, the bid will be dead as the bid is only good for sixty days. If it is not approved tonight, the bid would be considered rejected, and the project would be rebid. There are also costs involved with redesigning, readvertising and rebidding. Brachbill offered that Council can approve the project and work with Spearly to reduce the costs, as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

The columns were discussed, and the contractor will repaint them and if anything is really damaged, they will fix it. That is part of the bid. The lattice up top is the main problem.

Brachbill called the question.

Johnson	Yes
Prendergast	Yes
Tosti-Vasey	Yes
Brachbill	Yes
Walker	Yes
Brown	Yes
Duffey	Nay

Eaton **Yes**
Hombosky **Yes**

Motion carried 8-1.

Restroom Lock

Holderman stated that the restrooms at Talleyrand will be locked at 7 p.m. Wilson asked that this be modified for the one remaining concert in the park next week. Brown and Hombosky think that 7 p.m. is too early and think that the restrooms should be locked at dusk when the park closes. Brown also offered that the closing sign should be taken down as to prevent any further vandalism. Brachbill disagreed and thought if it is a public restroom it needed to be signed. The time will be changed to close at 8:30 p.m.

August Flooding in Bellefonte

Holderman reported on the flooding in Talleyrand Park. The Borough got a lot of calls regarding water in basements, etc. As far as the Borough was concerned, the equalizer basins had a lot of water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All were full as of the weekend. Bob Cooke said they are down about three feet now. He said it will take a few days before the basins are back to normal. There was some very heavy stormwater runoff at the new field at the high school. Sediment was running down Bishop Street on Friday. The waterfront sidewalk was closed off but there were certainly a lot of spectators.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Point Person, Renee Brown

The Management Team had its first meeting with the Public Works Contract Team last week.

Brown reported that there was a meeting held with the public works contract team. They will continue to meet with them.

SAFETY – Point Person, Randy Brachbill

Fire Chief Job Description Update

The description was updated. During the Chapter 35 review on August 2, there was a lot of discussion on the job description and who was working on it, and why Council was working on it. There was little work done on the Chapter 35 review.

Stoney Batter

Growth is coming up and blocking the sidewalk on the left side going up.

WATER/SANITATION – Point Person, Doug Johnson

Authority Minutes July 25, 2018 DRAFT
Daly Water Withdrawal report July 2018

STREETS – Point Person, Jon Eaton

Downside of High Street – Look for Additional Parking Spaces

Request from Centre County Courthouse to put in two ADA parking spaces in their parking lot. They are requesting that the Borough make available two additional spaces on the down side of High Street to replace parking for their employees who will be moved out of their lot. The Streets Committee will review the parking assignments to see if they can find two additional spots to allocate to the courthouse.

Wilson stated that the owner of Dam Donuts suggested that staff take a look at the 15-minute parking space near the store. He said that people are parking there for longer than 15 minutes. He would like a loading zone area for his store. There is no back access. Perhaps an early arrival loading and unloading would work best. Wilson will get the contact information to Eaton. Eaton will also look into the 15-minute space and converting it back to a regular spot. That was for the Belle Market that has since moved on.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION –Point Person, Mike Prendergast

Draft Proposal for Sustainability Project

Prendergast reported on the proposal for the sustainability project. The proposal is for a replacement cover for the big spring. The students will do some studies and make some prototypes and present their findings. This will start this Fall and go to next Spring. Holderman stated that there will be a meeting with the students and other stakeholders so that they can present their ideas. This group of students is an engineering class out of the Hazleton, Pennsylvania PSU campus. The sustainability project will also include a look at costs and to make the cover more aesthetically pleasing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consider approval of Resolution Designating September 2018 as Suicide Prevent Month and September 10, 2018 as Bellefonte Borough Suicide Prevention Day;

**Brown moved to approve Resolution 08062018-01;
Brachbill seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Consider approval of Ordinance No. 08062018-01 re: Food Trucks

**Johnson moved to approve Ordinance No. 8062018-01;
Duffey seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Received Appraisal Report for JJ Powell Parcel in Masullo Park

The ADA/Child Friendly fishing pad will be placed on this parcel. Closing is next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor's Office Early Intervention Program Training – Future Work Session

Joint County/Borough meeting will be Monday, September 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex

Shade Tree Orders

Holderman stated that if any residents are interested in ordering shade trees for the front of their house, they can call the Borough at 355-1501. They are looking to order the bare-root trees. He would like to get the order in by mid-August.

Orientation

Orientation tour of the Borough facilities will be set up for new Council members. Holderman will be in touch with members.

Signage

**Hombosky moved to approve Nancy Perkins and Don Holderman to work on the Keystone Planning Grant for the signs;
Prendergast seconded the motion;**

Matching funds will come out of the 2019 budget. Brown hopes that the signs already in place are not affected by the new signs.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Perkins remarked that she was glad to hear about the Hazelton students working on the sustainability project.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.