

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823**  
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**6:30 p.m. Work Session – Wayfinding Sign Project Presentation**

**7:30 p.m. Council Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The June 15, 2020, virtual meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom):**

Mr. Randall Brachbill  
Ms. Debbie Cleeton  
Mr. Jon Eaton  
Ms. Melissa Hombosky  
Mr. Michael Prendergast  
Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey  
Mayor Tom Wilson  
Mr. Douglas Johnson  
Ms. Anne Walker  
Ms. Gina Thompson

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
Mr. Donald Holderman, Ass't Borough Manager  
Mr. Shawn Weaver, Chief of Police

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. Phil and Ms. Kathy Breidenbaugh, Bellefonte Bread and  
Breakfast  
Mr. Bill Carey, Bellefonte Little League  
Dr. Matt Ferrari, Huck Career Development Professor, Penn State  
University  
Mr. Kevin Lloyd, Big Spring Spirits  
Mr. Chris Morelli, Lock Haven Express  
Ms. Nancy Perkins  
Dr.. Meg Small, Assistant Professor, Health and Human  
Development, Penn State University

Ms. Charima Young, Director of Local Government and Community  
Relations, Penn State University

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*Motions taken by roll call.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Brachbill moved to approve June 1, 2020 meeting minutes.  
Walker 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).

*Council members*                      *Voucher Summary May 2020*  
*Council members*                      *Treasurer's Report*

**Eaton moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Prendergast seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**COMMUNICATIONS:  
WRITTEN:**

**Letter re: Herbies Hometown Loop Race Canceled**

The organizers have cancelled the event due to COVID-19 concerns.

**Letter Request re: 2020 Croquet Tournament**

This letter was a request to hold the 2020 Croquet Tournament conducted by the Chamber on August 23, 2020 (rescheduled from July 12) for Talleyrand Park.

**Johnson moved to approve the event to move from July 12, 2020 to  
August 23, 2020.  
Prendergast seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**Email re: Concerts and Movies in Talleyrand**

An email was received relative to the concerts and movies in the park. This email was from a concerned citizen regarding noise in general.

### **Pop-Up Drive-in at Armory**

The proposal for the pop-up drive-in movie proposal discussed at the last meeting was in the packet. Stewart stated that the building and property committee met with the organizers. Walker offered that the event would take place at the Armory on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27. Kevin Lloyd from Big Springs Spirits was the primary sponsor. The event would benefit the YMCA. There will be a 40-foot screen which will face West and the vehicles will be parallel to the street on the grassy side. This will be family friendly event with no alcohol. There will be food trucks. The film will be selected from a family friendly portfolio. Tickets will be sold in advance through Big Spring. \$20 per car. There is a designated parking plan to enter in one direction and cars will not be able to turn left when exiting. Parking spaces will be about 100-200 spaces distanced apart. The locale may be expanded into the Weis property and they are waiting for permissions. Masks are required for anyone leaving their vehicles.

There will be porta potties provided. Volunteers will assist with parking. The Chief of Police will be asked to add fire police patrol. If they cannot, the regular police will patrol, and an extra cost will be incurred by the event. Ten percent of the sales from the food trucks will be donated to the event. The event would recognize Bellefonte Area High School Seniors.

Stewart added that if the event is successful, they plan on doing the event again in July or August.

**Brachbill moved to approve the pop-up movie event on June 26 and 27 conditioned upon the availability of fire police patrol for the event and the Borough must be provided a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured. Thompson seconded the motion.**

Eaton inquired about rain dates and parking cars on the open lawn. Sunday evening has been planned as a rain date, per Stewart.

Johnson stated that some residents recommended the Undine property off of Blanchard Street, as an alternative.

The Borough has not received any objections to this event. Stewart stated that this is a trial run and the site is the event's first choice for the event. The building and property committee did meet with the event coordinator. Fireworks may be added at a later date if the event is successful.

Hombosky commented that this event is a great way to use the property that is sitting there vacant in the Borough and with more eyes being able to see this property would only benefit the future sale of the property. Walker concurred.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**Request for outdoor dining on June 26, 2020 presented by the Bellefonte Bed and Breakfast**

Phil and Kathy Breidenbaugh, the owners of Bellefonte Bed and Breakfast were available on the phone. They presented the outdoor dining proposal. They would like to use the front of the courthouse in the grassy space and some spaces in front of the memorial for tables. The event would be set up about 5 p.m. the evening of the event and they would be taken down at the end of the evening. The waterfront was considered as well. Approval of the event would have to be conditioned upon getting approvals by the property owners, per Stewart.

The courthouse did approve the event, but Margaret Gray, County Administrator, has not finalized the approval yet. She is speaking with the commissioners about this.

Thompson offered that the owners of the bed and breakfast have been working with the Friday in the Fonte event that DBI runs on the last Friday of each month to highlight the local businesses. This is in conjunction with discussion relative to post-COVID recovery in Bellefonte and the idea is just to get people downtown and to have more options for dining for people to eat outdoors. They are hoping to continue the Friday in the Fonte event and having these options for outdoor seating will help increase business downtown.

**Prendergast moved to approve outdoor dining on Friday, June 26 on the Courthouse lawn with additional approvals, and on either the waterfront parkway or on the waterfront development project, pending approvals. Tables would be set up at 4 p.m. and taken down by 11 p.m. that evening.**

**Walker seconded the motion.**

Tables will be socially distanced. There are trash cans by the courthouse. The waterfront has limited trashcans but trash bags on the fencing can be provided. Everything would be wiped down once an hour. Brachbill would like something placed at the tables for individuals to wipe the tables down if they wished to.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**Bill Carey - 707 W. Lamb Street**

Carey is interested in a street closure for a block party at the 700 block of West Lamb Street from Brown Avenue to Hickory Lane, September 5, 2020 2-10 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday September 6, 2-10 p.m. Stewart stated that they held this block party in the past and they will follow all of the COVID-19 requirements.

**Johnson moved to approve the request conditional on meeting all of the COVID-19 guidelines.**

**Eaton seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**County Request for public input COVID-19 Grant**

New funds have been made available throughout the state for a special COVID-19 grant program. The County has set up virtual public meetings for input and the application will be sent in on Wednesday, for the funding, per Stewart. The funding is from Act 24 from the State to provide a block grant funding to assist communities for economic redevelopment and for recovery due to the pandemic. Funds are available to municipalities, non-profits, and small businesses under 100 employees who have not already received funding through the CARES program. They are trying to make sure more people have funding available Tosti-Vasey explained that the application needs to be in by Wednesday. They are trying to set it up so that each municipality gets funding proportionate to populations. Bellefonte would get up to \$70,000.

They need a letter of interest from the Borough listing the kinds of things that the Borough could use the funds for. Tosti-Vasey discussed providing funds to residents who have lost their jobs or lost their insurance to help with medical bills and utilities. For utilities the money may be able to be run through the Authority and people would apply to the Authority for reimbursements.

PPEs were also discussed. Funding can be provided for sanitizing stations not only in the parks and possibly around town. Holderman requested possibly requesting funding for some of the purchases for some of the wayfinding signs. It would encourage more visitation to Bellefonte and assist in its recovery.

**Eaton moved to send a letter to the commissioners by 4:30 p.m.  
June 16 with a wish list.  
Thompson seconded the motion.**

Brachbill would like to see the fire companies included in the PPE request.

Eaton suggested funding for modification for the entrance to the Borough building and for handling deliveries. He would like the auto door, camera system, and remodeling for the revisions to the lobby be included as well as the inner office areas.

Hombosky would like to reserve time at the end of the meeting to discuss other ideas so as not to hold up the meeting guests.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

#### **Charima Young, Penn State University Data4Action Plan Presentation**

A brief presentation was done on the Data4Action plan, a survey for Centre County residents on the COVID-19 pandemic, and their feelings towards the pandemic to measure the health, and socio-economic impact in Centre County so that a better understanding is gained on how it is playing out locally within the community. This will assist the County to adjust accordingly to what is happening locally. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey, which deadline was extended to June 30, 2020.

The results will be summarized and shared with PSU leadership and administration as well as the public. This is a collaborative effort between the County and Penn State University. The survey is anonymous, however, there is a link to opt in to provide information on potentially participating in some longer-term studies, including testing for anti-bodies, and other substantive socio-behavioral surveys. The Borough is asked to share the information on their website and social media, as well as other municipalities in the area.

Eaton inquired if the survey was the primary conduit of information from the community relative to the pandemic. A third party is conducting the survey, not PSU administration and the intention of the survey will be a way to allow County residents to make their voices heard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Bill Carey re: Building Permits**

Carey appeared before Council relative to the little league field and needs council's approval for obtaining a building permit to complete the construction of the additional ballfield. The season started last Friday. The parcel is leveled, and the grass has been planted. A Conservation District permit is in place. They are ready to begin building dugouts and installing fencing. Holderman advised Carey it would be a good idea to come before Council prior to submitting for building permits to Spring Township. The Borough owns the land, and Carey stated that they would have to be part of the permit process.

Holderman offered that Council has seen the drawings and they were presented a few years back. He stated that he thought it was a good idea to have Carey come back into Council to show where the field stands and where they are in the process.

**Eaton moved to approve the Bellefonte Little League's application for building permit for dugouts, press box and installation of fencing at the Little League field.  
Prendergast seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

**MAYOR:**

**Governor, State Legislators working on new guidelines related to use of force by Police**

Wilson discussed the new guidelines related to force by police. House Bill 1019 passed and will go to the house for vote next week. The house bill speaks of strengthening police hiring practices and was amended to include training to identify and report suspected child abuse and also to include provisions for use of deadly force. A second bill, House Bill 1841, speaks to strengthen background checks for police hires and offers request for PSD by the officer, in question or by the chief or supervising officer. Those requests are to be carried out within thirty days of start in any lethal use incident.

Chief Weaver stated that the police department has a very good training record. He would like to give a full report on the training.

More detail can be found at Pennlive.com.

#### **Bellefonte Fire Department Fire Gary Lohr swearing in on June 4.**

Lohr will fill in on the remaining year of Walt Schneider's term as chief. Wilson thanked Brachbill for his efforts with this process. The position will become effective July 1, 2020.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

#### **PML Sustainability Conference June 24, 2020**

Tosti-Vasey stated that the PML Sustainability Conference is June 24, 2020. She will be attending the meeting remotely.

#### **Bellefonte Climate Action Change Plan Presented to DEP June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Tosti-Vasey reported that the DEP Climate Change Advisory committee is holding their meeting on June 30. Bellefonte Borough and Madeline Palchak of Drexel University have been asked to do a presentation before this committee on the greenhouse report that has been in progress since last fall. The report should be received by the end of the month.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

#### **Comparison Monthly Code Stats March, April, and May 2020**

#### **Daily Water Withdrawal Report May 2020**

#### **Authority Minutes June 2, 2020 Draft**

Tosti-Vasey inquired about the Big Spring Spirits' interest in producing bottled water from the spring. She inquired about recycling or glass bottles for use in this project.

She also clarified that the Spring Creek Watershed Committee is not presenting a final One Water Plan. It will be a report only and will be presented to municipalities after the commission sees the presentation which is still tentatively scheduled for Wednesday. She does not know if this has been confirmed yet.

#### **Current v. Prior May 2020**

#### **Budget v. Actual Summary May 2020**

Tosti-Vasey inquired about the line item for bulk water sales which stated that the Borough received \$395 of budgeted bulk water revenue for the first five months of the year. The minutes from the Authority state that the bulk sales for May were about 381,000 gallons. The fee schedule would put the revenue at \$3,801. She inquired why there was a difference. Stewart explained that the bulk water sales are sales at the Wastewater Treatment Plant through a loading station and they call it bulk sales as they do not know what else to name this process. The bulk is going to two entities. That may be where the discrepancy was.

### **Police Department Overtime June 2020**

Tosti-Vasey clarified the overtime pay. Comp time is time that the police officer would take off at a later date.

Eaton would like to see which Court the officer is attending when reporting on Court hearings and what the charge is, i.e. summary, first offense, etc. to track police costs. There was a brief discussion relative to this topic and police time spent on court time for these offenses.

**Eaton moved to include the type of court and the type of crime in the overtime report.  
Johnson seconded the motion.**

Thompson and Prendergast opposed this suggestion. Eaton was happy to defer this to the finance committee.

Hombosky called the question.

**Prendergast, nay, Thompson, nay, Tosti-Vasey, nay,  
Walker, nay, Brachbill, nay, Cleeton, nay, Eaton, yes,  
Hombosky, nay, Johnson, yes.**

**Motion failed 7-2, via roll call vote.**

### **Finance Committee meeting was held June 4, 2020**

Thompson offered that they discussed reporting of overtime hours for the police department and spoke with Chief Weaver and he stated that the department is trying to be more mindful of overtime. Furloughs were discussed as well as covering those hours.

The revolving loan fund was also reviewed, and the committee agreed that the IDA would be a good authority to oversee the fund. The money starts with the Gamble Mill but as it is repaid, the money comes back, and funds can be reloaned to anyone else that the Borough would like.

### **Manager's Report for Downtown Bellefonte, Inc. June 2020**

This report will be included in the second Council meetings of the month, per Thompson.



## **PACB**

Johnson reported on this meeting from Friday, June 13, 2020. On August 7 there is a board meeting.

## **Parks**

Hombosky stated that the parks committee met last week with representatives from BHCA, the YMCA and would like to request the following items:

**Hombosky moved to approve the request on behalf of the YMCA, the use of Governor's Park throughout the summer for their summer camp program, following all CDC and state guidelines.**

**Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

**Hombosky moved to approve the request for the YMCA for the months of June, July, and August to hold volleyball tournaments in Governor's Park, following all CDC and state guidelines. The tournaments would be doubles and quads, women, and men.**

**Johnson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

**Hombosky moved to approve BHCA's request for Summer Sounds concerts in Talleyrand Park following CDC and State Guidelines. If Pennsylvania COVID-19 phases change, they will need to conclude the series early.**

**Brachbill seconded the motion.**

Tosti-Vasey explained that there will be dots installed and persons will be asked to have their family groups stay in those dots and keep their distance and their children in that area to maintain social distancing.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

Regarding the request to use the Governor's Park ball fields, the guidelines set forth by the state allow them to proceed under the Green phase.

**Hombosky moved to allow the requestors to use the fields as requested, and proceed.**

**Thompson seconded the motion.**

Fees and insurance were discussed briefly. Damages to the ball fields was discussed. The insurance is only for liability. Relative to damage, Stewart said that they would have to look into that issue. If it is a common problem, a damage deposit may be added to the Borough fee schedule.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

**Hombosky moved to approve to reopen the parks playground as they are allowed to open under the Green Phase with appropriate signage noting that the Borough will not be sanitizing the playground equipment or cleaning the equipment. Walker seconded the motion.**

Sanitizer stations were discussed relative to placing them around the playgrounds, per Brachbill.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

Hombosky discussed installing sanitizer stations at the parks. She thinks that there is a real chance that things will be taken if they are just left out, so something more permanent is recommended.

**Hombosky moved to install permanent hand sanitizer stations at the parks. Thompson seconded the motion.**

Tosti-Vasey stated that the funding for this can come from either our COVID-19 budget emergency funds or through the County funds we decided to request earlier in the meeting. They can be purchased, with any future refills to go through a bulk purchasing program through the county government to reduce the costs.

Eaton discussed the problem with obtaining gel sanitizer at this point in time. He discussed vandalism. This would also compete with other businesses in obtaining the sanitizer and what they would need just to maintain their operations. He does not think this was a good idea.

Johnson inquired about the other parks in the region. Stewart mentioned Centre Region Parks opening on June 8. The playgrounds are periodically sanitized. The Borough signs would not guarantee that as the Borough does not have a large parks staff.

Big Spring Spirits is making hand sanitizer and Hombosky stated that if the Borough needed to obtain some, they could. She also saw large jugs at Home Depot. She did not feel that it would be that difficult to obtain at this point. Stewart stated that they have a local source for posted hand sanitizer stations. They had them installed in the office.

Mounting some near the restroom building and the little storage building may be a good location. Walker concurred.

Hombosky called the question.

**Motion carried via roll call vote, with Eaton voting nay.**

Hombosky stated that there was a prebuild meeting for the bridge in Talleyrand Park. They are looking to start in July 2020, with completion date in October 2020.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ZONING/PLANNING**

June Planning Commission meeting was canceled. NO action items.

**HARB:** Virtual HARB meeting was held on June 9, 2020

452 East Curtin Street, Paint, 205 West Curtin Street, Paint, 325 West High Street, Paint and Signage were recommended for certificates of appropriateness.

**Hombosky moved to approve the certificates of appropriateness for 452 East Curtin,**

**205 West Curtin, and 325 West High Street.**

**Brachbill seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

Stewart administratively approved projects from March through the present time as well.

Brachbill inquired about the Straub Auto Building. The review was a post review. The building was in danger of collapsing. They were to appear at the HARB meeting on June 9, and could not make the meeting, per Stewart. They will come into a future meeting.

The lot on Cherry Lane was discussed briefly. The code officer was informed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Meeting at Union Cemetery to discuss maintenance**

Brachbill discussed the meeting that was held on the maintenance of the Union Cemetery. The trees will be reviewed to see the best option for taking some of the dead branches down. The priority will be the head stones and looking at having those repaired as well as some of the bases. Organizing a Friends of Union Cemetery will be discussed in the future. If anyone is interested in that meeting, Brachbill will share that information. The grass is being kept up with well, by crews and a resident is even mowing a small section. Council thanked her for doing that.

Brachbill stated that the cemetery is a historical site and it needs to be cared for. He hopes to get some people involved. The public is invited to volunteer. Council is not taking over the cemetery and are just looking at helping out with some maintenance. The association will be handing the cemetery business. Volunteer information will be posted to the website.

#### **Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance**

**Hombosky moved to approve resolution no. 06152020-02 temporarily restricting food mobile vendors in the central waterfront district during the COVID-19 emergency declaration period.**

**Prendergast seconded the motion.**

Cleeton stated that there was concern from some of the brick and mortar eating establishments that the trucks were competing with them, even with the 150-foot distancing. The proposal during the pandemic emergency is to keep the food trucks from downtown, at Allegheny and High Street. They would be able to work from outside of downtown.

Hombosky offered that she had food truck owners in her ward, and she does not think it is fair to them as taxpayers to disallow the use in the ordinance as written. She also did not think it was fair to the residents who are enthusiastic about the food trucks being present. She does not want to pass a motion without community input.

Stewart stated that the ordinance would restrict more than the T section at Allegheny and High. West Bishop and parts of Spring Street and Thomas are included in the ordinance change.

Eaton inquired about the prior pitch for tables being set up around town for takeout. Hombosky does not wish to see person's right to do business quashed.

Wilson stated that the resolution was intended to make this a win-win for both brick and mortar and food trucks. If that can be accomplished that would be ideal. It does not ban anyone from the Borough but asks for consideration for both types of businesses.

Brachbill interjected that he thought the food trucks would not be allowed in the T section of the courthouse but would be permitted in other areas.

Tosti-Vasey stated that Council could table the issue or vote on the issue.

**Prendergast moved to table the ordinance revisions and refer back to the streets committee for review and revision.**

**Brachbill seconded the motion.**

**Prendergast, yes, Thompson, yes, Tosti-Vasey, nay, Walker, yes, Brachbill, yes, Cleeton, yes, Eaton, yes, Hombosky, yes, Johnson, yes.**

**Motion carried, 8 to 1.**

**PennDOT/LTAP program regarding Gamble Mill**

Johnson discussed the LTAP funding source. This is a grant program that the Borough would need to apply for. LTAP would come in to study the crosswalk area at Lamb Street and make a determination for a stop sign on PennDOT's funding. In the meantime, the crosswalk signs will remain, taking every precaution necessary until Council hears of the grant funding determination.

**Johnson moved to approve the application for the PennDOT LTAP grant to study the crosswalk at Lamb Street.**

**Cleeton seconded the motion.**

Cleeton would like to see the crosswalk paint repainted. It is not very visible.

Stewart stated that he would hesitate on doing that before getting advice on the location of the crosswalk.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **CDBG Administrative Allocation**

Memo was provided to Council from Holderman regarding this issue. Holderman stated that the Borough is asking to reallocate the 17-18 admin funds over to the project. This will help to fund the Talleyrand Park Pedestrian Bridge Project. The funds were a little short when the bids came in and moving the money over will help to close the gap.

**Johnson moved to approve moving the \$37,640.00 administrative funds from the 2017-18 CDBG funds to help pay for the pedestrian bridge project.**

**Brachbill seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

### **Review of Wayfinding Signage Project**

#### **Consider application with DBI for Signage Construction Funds**

Tosti-Vasey stated that this issue was discussed in the work session. Nancy Perkins explained phase five of this project. Once the fixtures have been identified, and size and general layouts, HRG, the consultant for phase 5, will prepare a manual which would be kept as a permanent document so that there are guidelines set for people that wish to have signs at their businesses and such. Ballpark layouts need to be done of where signs would go and what the signs would say so that some cost numbers can be put together.

The new I99 corridor exit signs were discussed briefly. Maria Day from HARB is on the design committee and Tosti-Vasey would like the consultant to meet with HARB and discuss materials to get the handbook ready. Recommendation for changes to the signage ordinance could also be made.

The temporary banners were discussed briefly. The sign ordinance on the books calls the banners temporary signs and they are permitted to be up for thirty days, per Stewart.

If DBI gets recertified by the Keystone Community Program, there is a possibility of going after the implementation grant, per Holderman. Other than that, the DCB Multi-Modal grant is an option or this can be tied into the streetscape. Thompson stated that the earliest the DBI would be certified would be early 2021.

There is no solid estimate of costs, per Stewart so the local match cannot be determined.

The COVID funding may be able to be used for the welcoming signs as that is related to economic development, per Tosti-Vasey. The costs will need to be provided in about four weeks or so.

**Thompson moved to approve the branding and wayfinding signage as presented by Nancy Perkins and Erica Bove and moving forward with the design process. Prendergast seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.**

#### **Draft Resolution to suspend open container ordinance**

Resolution 06152020-01 would temporarily suspend parts of the open container ordinance in the Borough.

**Brachbill moved to forward the Resolution to a committee for review.  
Walker seconded the motion.**

Tosti-Vasey suggested an ad hoc committee for review of this. Chair of Streets, Cleeton and Parks and Recreation, Hombosky were selected for the committee. Thompson was included for DBI.

Brachbill and Eaton opposed any open containers of alcohol in the streets/parks of Bellefonte.

**Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.**

#### **Request to look at Visibility/Parking restrictions existing from Blanchard on to Bishop Street**

Pulling out from Blanchard onto Bishop Street is difficult due to cars coming past Blanchard Street, especially looking to the East. Stewart stated that the curb is painted yellow to limit parking, but this will be looked at to see if the yellow curb can be expanded for a greater length. This was voiced as a concern to someone in the office. LTAP could possibly look at it or the Streets Committee. Cleeton agreed that this was an issue.

#### **Borough Association Webinar -Crosswalks, Pedestrian Safety June 17 noon**

Stewart stated that a webinar is being offered June 17 at noon dealing with crosswalks and pedestrian safety. Council members can contact the office to sign up for the webinar.

#### **HARB Appointment to Replace Robert Lingenfelter**

**Prendergast moved to appoint Nicole Mendinsky to fill the opening on HARB with a term expiring on December 31, 2023.  
Walker seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.**

### **Sister City Discussion**

Walker stated that she was approached by a person that used to live in Centre County who now lives in Arizona. He has been concerned about the plight of the Navajo and Hopi nations which are sovereign. He offered that Bellefonte would be a good fit for sister to a town in the Navajo Hopi nation. This would entail familiarization for the communications and development of arts and culture, business, and cultural trade, etc. Council was interested in Walker obtaining more information.

### **Letter of Interest for the Commissioners for the COVID-19 Block Grant**

Ideas for funding were brainstormed by Council members. Forgiveness for utilities was mentioned by Hombosky. Brachbill inquired about testing areas. The Commissioner's office was looking for a well-detailed listing. The welcome signs were helpful, per Tosti-Vasey. Hombosky inquired about internet service at Talleyrand Park. Broadband access would be fit in, per Stewart as they are helping businesses develop apps for curbside business, etc. which is all new to COVID. Tosti-Vasey mentioned bulk purchases of PPE. Sanitation would possibly be included. Labor was discussed relative to all of the extra work that the Borough is undertaking due to COVID. Internal upgrades to the Borough building for safety will be included. Tosti-Vasey suggested rental and mortgage assistance.

Weaver stated that the police department was in pretty good condition for PPE, etc., with a lot of it being donated to the department.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business coming before Council,

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**