

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2020, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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WORK SESSION:

6:45 p.m. Bellefonte Borough Climate Action Report – Tosti-Vasey, Pelchat

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The July 20, 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
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Ms. Anne Walker
Ms. Gina Thompson
Mayor Tom Wilson

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Donald Holderman, Ass't Borough Manager

All votes taken will be recorded as unanimous when there is no audible opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brachbill moved to approve July 6, 2020 meeting minutes.
Prendergast seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

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).

Nothing presented.

REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

Land Use Webinar Summer Fall 2020 Flyer

Email request re: Bellefonte Cross Country at Governor's Park

Bellefonte S.D. requested the use of Governor's Park for cross country practices and meets. They would begin in August and go through November 1, 2020. They intend to abide by Covid-19 restrictions. Tosti-Vasey referred this to Parks and Recreation.

Email from YMCA re: Triathlon

YMCA would like to hold a triathlon event at Governor's Park on August 15, 2021. They would use adjacent roadways next to the park going in and going out. The map and details were in the packet. Tosti-Vasey referred this to Streets for recommendation.

Letter from DBI re: Bellefonte Under the Lights 2020

The formal Under the Lights 2020 event will be canceled. They are, however requesting the use of Talleyrand Park for two weekends monthly on Fridays and Saturdays to create an outdoor dining space in the grassy area in front of the gazebo near High Street. There was a plan submitted to Council. They are also interested in having a beverage vendor come in and possibly food vendors. A list of activities was provided, and social distancing would be observed. They are looking at the following dates: July 31, August 1, August 14, 15, August 28, 29. There are two weeks in September as well (September 18-19 and 25-26).

They are also interested in permanently installing lights in the area where the Under the Lights event has been held. Tosti-Vasey referred the lighting to Parks and Recreation.

Ellen Matis discussed the lighting and the event in detail. She stated that the lights would be installed in 2021 pending a fundraiser.

Prendergast moved to conditionally approved the Under the Lights Event for July 31, August 1, 14, 15, 28, 29, September 18, 19, 25 and 26 with the possibility of October 16, 17 and the 30th and 31st, with patrons following masking and social distancing, sanitizing, with tables set up as agreed to at the Parks and Rec meeting. Alcohol sales will be

**with one vendor only, and conditional approval is also dependent on liability insurance policy being provided.
Hombosky seconded the motion.**

Matis explained to Council that with the Governor's new restrictions, they would like Council to approve the event and DBI would keep them posted as to whether or not the events will happen on the dates chosen due to the state of the Commonwealth.

No tickets are required, and the alcohol vendor will manage the distribution of alcohol to 21 and over persons only. The craft beverage area would be roped off. The event is scheduled for 5-9:30 p.m. There will be a limited number of tables and patrons are encouraged to bring their own camp chairs.

The discussion on permanent decorative lighting on the Waterfront Parkway near the Lamb Street Bridge was referred to Parks and Recreation for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Letter of Support CBICC PSU Letter

This letter will be held until the end of the meeting.

Email request re: Butterfly Release at Talleyrand

Butterfly release request from Scott Davidson, Centre HomeCare, was sent to the Council via Jim Dunne on behalf of the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association Davidson was on the zoom call. They are looking to do the event August 1, 2020. The program would be less than 2 hours long, with 50 persons or less at Talleyrand Park.

Davidson spoke briefly. He is with Centre Homecare Centre Crossing Hospice. The Butterfly Release was previously held at Centre Furnace. They would like to bring it back to Talleyrand Park. The primary participants will be senior citizens, many with walkers and wheelchairs. The area between the Lincoln sculpture and the old fountain would be one idea. It is shaded and there are two tables. He also likes the area next to My Café Buzz. His first choice is the pollinator garden because it gives space to social distance everyone. There is no shade at that spot and that is the only downfall.

He has a tent that he can put up at this location. He does not expect a big crowd at this event.

**Walker moved to conditionally approve the butterfly release on August 1, 2020 at the pollinator garden (and if too hot the event will be moved to the sculpture garden) from 2-3 p.m. with required masking and social distancing observed.
Johnson seconded the motion.**

Johnson inquired about offering some free parking for the group. Bagged meters were suggested. Overflow can also be requested from the Subway store owners.

Motion carried unanimously.

Liquid Fuel Account Audit 2019 by Auditor General July 2020

The audit was presented to Council for review. The audit was perfect, per Tosti-Vasey and she thanked Lori Walker for all the work she did on the budget that made this happen.

Email Request re: Future Stars Tournament Baseball

Neil Weber was available via zoom. He owns Future Stars Baseball based in Hershey, Pennsylvania. They run a youth tournament in the State College Area, and they have used Governor's Park for many years, prior. They would like to hold the tournament August 1 and 2, 2020. The group will be 16 Youth. They typically play four games on Saturday and three on Sunday. They ran other tourneys since Covid in other cities and they were successful with precautions in place.

Hombosky moved to conditionally approve the Future Stars Tournament on August 1 and 2, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the following conditions: 15-20 minutes between each game, half of the team allowed in the dugout area, properly socially distanced, with other teammates seated in chairs distanced behind the dugout. Sales may be set up with masked salespersons and customers shall follow social distancing rules. They shall follow all of the Covid 19 guidelines. Equipment needs to be sanitized and games coordinated with any other groups scheduled. They shall pay the registration fee and any damage shall be repaired if it occurs. Prendergast seconded the motion.

Joe Menna has volunteered to be the field director. He will be scheduled all umpires. Eaton inquired about the entrance fee for the team. Brachbill offered that if any negative changes are made with the restrictions in Pennsylvania, before August, the Borough has the right to cancel the event. Johnson offered that this is the first time he has heard of this tournament. Everything in the past went through Joe Menna. He paid the rental fee directly to Menna who then handled the contact and payment with the borough in past years. The rental fees go to the Parks and Rec budget, per Holderman.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wolf Admin Announces Targeted Mitigation Efforts in Response to Recent COVID case increase

www.governor.pa.gov. will detail the mitigation plan. Tosti-Vasey would like to see a Covid section created on the website to put all pertinent information there.

County Commissioners – Energy Financing Program C-Pace

They will sign a resolution on July 28, 2020, relative to a real estate tax credit for commercial properties in the County and there will be more information forthcoming. Anyone interested can refer to www.pennsylvaniacpace.org to find out more information. Tosti-Vasey stated that this resolution can be considered as a potential collaboration between Bellefonte and the County with the proposed Borough Climate Action Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Comparison Monthly Code Stats June 2020

Fire Committee Meeting – Meeting has been canceled for July.

MAYOR:

Police Reform Measure by the State

Wilson reported on law enforcement reform bills. There is a complete listing of the bills and what they cover at www.governor.pa.gov.

Fireworks

Wilson pointed out that the fireworks ordinance was still in place in the Borough. Last night there was a huge display. This occurred in a back yard for about 20 minutes. He went to the location and had an interaction with the persons there. He explained that even though the fireworks were legal, they were not legal to be set off in the Borough at this time.

He spoke with Chief Weaver and asked that the officers be more attentive to the fireworks in the Borough. The display was large and long and it has the potential to catch one of the buildings on fire. He thinks this needs to be looked out more seriously.

The Borough may want to consider banning the fireworks completely. He will do a letter to the three homes he was aware of and advise them of the existing ordinance that fireworks is only permitted on 4th of July and New Year's only. Eaton inquired about banning fireworks all together.

Enforcement and fines were discussed briefly. Stewart stated that the State increased the number of fireworks that were legal, and they do have a setback which would not work in the Borough. The setback requirement for fireworks in the borough fireworks ordinance effectively eliminates 90% of locations within the Borough because they are too close to homes. He would like to see the ordinance reviewed once more. This can be placed in the next Council packet. Brachbill discussed educating the residents relative to the ordinances.

Tosti-Vasey referred this to the Safety Committee.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Zoom Meeting – PSU Reopening Plans

Tosti-Vasey attended a meeting with Penn State relative to reopening. PSU will have a hybrid mix of classes – some online and some in person and some a combination. All classes will go remote after the Thanksgiving break. Sports will be limited to playing other teams within the Big 10. That only affects football. They have not decided on spectators at this time. They are working with the CBICC and State College to create a Move In Plan to maximize Covid 19 restrictions with returning students. They are going to bring groups of students over time so as not to have everyone arriving on the same day.

To return to school, students will be required to sign an agreement to follow all COVID guidelines. For students who have tested positive for COVID10, the Univeristy will set up a quarantine area with food, nurses, and assistance with classes. Frats will be prohibited from hosting socials. Contact tracing will be utilized.

The question was raised about consequences for refusal to wear a mask. PSU will provide masks to wear if they do not have one. Employees will remind others to mask. If a student refuses to wear a mask they will be referred to Judicial Affairs. If they continue to refuse, sanctions will increase, up to and including suspension if needed. All campus violations will rely on citations. A masking ordinance will be voted on the first meeting in August, by State College Council.

A question was raised about games being played at Beaver Stadium. There will be no tailgating, and spectators will be reduced but they have not determined how many. This is what is being worked out with the Big Ten. They will decide on all Big Ten universities soon.

Wilson stated that he received a phone call about a week ago from Vern Squire at the CBICC and he notified him that State College is crafting an ordinance. The bars are going to be an issue and he suggested contacting the Tavern Association to make sure that all the owners are on board and monitor their bars to comply.

There is concern with the students returning and the CBICC wants the students to return to boost the economy. Stewart will be in touch with Tom Fontaine from State College. Council can review the State College draft ordinance and decide if Bellefonte wants to enact a similar ordinance. The reason being is that everyone is asked to be consistent with the enforcement of this ordinance. If Bellefonte is not consistent, students will venture to Bellefonte if they see they are being stepped on in State College. The DA is not happy with this proposed ordinance as it will put the police into a confrontation with the students.

Once the ordinance is received, Council should get a copy to the solicitor to see if it is enforceable in Bellefonte and then review it once we have his opinion on enforceability. Spring

Township is doing the same. The State College Borough is a home rule municipality and the Bellefonte Borough is not and therefore falling under a different set of rules.

Eaton does not see enforcement happening in State College or College Township. If social distancing and masking do not occur, he offered that it will increase incidences of Covid19 in Centre County similar to what is occurring in the Southern U.S. at present. Wilson stated that is why they are trying to put some teeth into an ordinance. President Barron at PSU stated that he recognized that he has minimal to no ability to enforce the behavior of the students once they leave campus. That is why they are asking State College to do this. Centre Region Code's authority relative to the Covid restrictions was discussed.

Student's living in areas outside of downtown State College were discussed briefly. All police are asked for conformity across the board with enforcement, if it is legal for the police to do this.

Brachbill stated that there should be notification put out regarding masks and social distancing. Mask mandates were discussed. Tosti-Vasey agreed to forward to Council a White Paper containing guidelines for masking based on the American with Disabilities Act that was drafted and sent out by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. This white paper lists acceptable alternatives for persons that cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons in order to receive their essential services, e.g., curbside pick-up. Stewart will share this email with Council members.

The CBICC request regarding Penn State University reopening was discussed. Wilson stated that the Borough has been asked to write their own letter to encourage PSU to open with strict mitigation and a commitment to the Borough's ordinance and provide enforcement. He was unsure if the Borough was ready to do this yet. Eaton did not want to endorse the CBICC letter. Other members of Council concurred.

Brachbill moved to approve Bellefonte crafting their own letter in support of PSU reopening under their guidelines. Prendergast seconded the motion.

Eaton called the question.

Tosti-Vasey would like the letter to be very clear as to what the Borough wants to see with PSU reopening.

Motion carried unanimously.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Meeting

Meeting was held on July 15, 2020. The One Water Report presentation to municipalities will be delayed.

Drive Electric PA Coalition Meeting

Meeting was held on July 16, 2020. The first part of the meeting discussed heavy duty trucks that could be used by municipalities. The second half of the meeting focused on what is happening in Pennsylvania regarding economic growth.

On August 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Electric Coalition is holding a PA EV policy program for citizens, council members, MPOs and dealerships on EV policies. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session which will focus on the policies. They will be joined by state agency leaders from other states who have adopted policies on EV. Go to <https://bit.ly/PAEVcamp> for more information.

Fire Department Executive Meeting

BUILDING AND PROPERTY – ANNE WALKER, CHAIR

Meeting to be held on July 29 – parking system kiosk locations South Parking Lot and the YMCA parking issue

FINANCE AND GOV'T PERFORMANCE - GINA THOMPSON, CHAIR

Meeting held on July 16

The furlough program was discussed and how to move forward from that should this need to be considered again in the future..

PARKS AND RECREATION – MELISSA HOMBOSKY, CHAIR

**Meeting held on July 14, 2020 – Governor's Park pop up drive-in;
West High Street – DBI Partnership**

Plans for the pop-up drive-in movies were discussed and the committee's concerns were addressed. Hombosky asked that Council consider approving the event near the baseball field where the temporary soccer goals are placed, next to the batting cages.

Hombosky moved to approve the moving of the drive-in pop-up movie from the armory to Governor's Park with the provision that insurance is provided and all applicable guidelines as set forth by the CDC and the State are covered.

Brachbill seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The railroad and High Street Parklet was visited. They met with Ellen Matis from DBI, Inc. to discuss joint cooperation between the Borough and DBI to beautify that parklet, adding some planters with some landscaping and a community bulletin board. They decided to move forward

with an MOU. There will be cooperation with Seda-Cog on this venture. The design committee at DBI will work on the design of the board.

There was a duck rescue after the meeting. Hombosky thanked Tory Ballinger, a resident, for saving the ducklings and reuniting them with the mom.

Hombosky also showed an example of the brick for the brick fundraiser in Talleyrand Park. They are on sale for \$150.00. Talleyrandpark.org has more information. Information can be added to the borough website with a pdf of the form.

The bridge project is moving forward well, per Holderman. The brick pathway will most likely be installed by the end of November by the Bellefonte Public Works crew.

HUMAN RESOURCES – JON EATON, CHAIR

Meeting held on July 6, 2020

Consider sending a letter to Spring Township Supervisors and State Police - meet to discuss police services, learn more about each entity, how to work together more efficiently

**Eaton moved to authorize Stewart to send a letter to Spring Township supervisor, and the State Police to set up a meeting to discuss coordinating the police and EMS services and learn more about each entity and working together to leverage resources in the most effective manner.
Johnson seconded the motion.**

Wilson thought this was a good idea and he hoped that it would be implemented.

Motion carried unanimously.

The second-round revisions for the two direct-line supervisors (Borough Manager and Chief of Police) has been sent to HR committee for review.

**Eaton moved to advertise the full time/part time positions of office assistant and two part time parking enforcement positions and animal enforcement.
Johnson seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

SAFETY – RANDY BRACHBILL, CHAIR

Workplace Safety meetings have been suspended during the pandemic

Some trainings are needed.

The committee will review the fireworks ordinance.

WATER/SANITATION – DOUG JOHNSON, CHAIR

Authority Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2020 Draft

Johnson clarified the large water withdrawal question at the last Council meeting. There was a pump failure that refills a tank that is located behind the church.

Consider Committee meeting to discuss the volume of brush collection customers

A doodle poll will be set up to discuss the brush collection volumes. A new shipment of containers arrived at the Borough. There are now almost 1,000 customers with brush containers and that is a concern. There is only one person operating the truck at this time.

Kevin Lloyd of Big Spring Spirits has proposed to partner with the Borough to distribute Big Spring water. During that conversation flavored water was discussed. Lloyd would like to hear ideas for flavors. The proposal is exciting for Bellefonte.

STREETS - DEB CLEETON, CHAIR

Meeting held on July 15

Sock Hop/open cruise – after meeting – proposal withdrawn

Pat McCool joined the meeting and he proposed the open cruise on a Friday night in September. After discussing the logistics, the Cruise committee withdrew the proposal.

LTAP program to review two street issues

Parking Meter Ordinance redraft/updates underway

Cleeton was contacted by a resident in Pine Street who had concerns about the speed and volume of traffic. There are children on the street, and she was concerned about the safety. “Watch Children” signs may need to be installed at both ends of Pine Street. There is one at the top of the hill at Stony Batter. The stop sign may also need to be changed at the intersection of Axeman, Mill Street and Pine Street from a stop except for right turns making it a mandatory stop to mitigate speeds. A stop ahead sign would also need to be installed. The location is in Spring Township and they would have to have the signage changed.

Brachbill moved to approve asking Spring Township to request from Penn DOT a full stop sign rather than the current “stop except for right turn only” sign for safety mitigation at the Pine, Mill and Axemann Street intersection.

Prendergast seconded the motion.

PennDOT would need to approve this newly proposed signage. Johnson discussed PennDOT's procedures for approval of such signage and the fact that stop signs are not usually approved for mitigation for speed as seen at Wilson and Howard Street. More letters and calls to the MPO and Nittany Valley Planning Commission would be helpful to mitigate many of the traffic concerns in Bellefonte particularly at the Pheonix Avenue and Water Street intersection at the end of Mill Street.

Walker stated that the children in the area signs were a concern to Homeland Security with regard to pedophiles and traffickers using them as an indicator of where to target their victims.

Johnson noted that there is a "Yield to Pedestrians" sign at the Sheetz in Benner Township. It may be helpful to place a similar sign at the Gamble Mill.

Motion regarding the stop sign at the three-way intersection then carried unanimously.

There is a watch children sign at the intersection of Stoney Batter, Pine, and South Spring Street already, so the stop signs will be attempted first. The Borough will hold up the changing and/or adding additional children warning signs. They could be designed to say "drive like your children live here."

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – MIKE PRENDERGAST, CHAIR

Meeting Held on July 16, 2020

Suggestions for PSU sustainability projects

The program director was given the following suggestions: Eaton's email regarding the Spring Creek raceway and a tree inventory. The third suggestion was to have PSU architecture students assist with the design of the Parklet landscaping and signage in coordination with DBI, Inc., per Thompson.

Committee met virtually with air pollution consultant to discuss ordinance drafting assistance for 2021

Consider motion to accept Climate Action Plan for Bellefonte

Council will review the plan and make any suggested changes between now and August 15, 2020. Recommendations for change are to be sent to Mr. Prendergast for incorporation into the draft. The plan will then be brought back to council for final review and acceptance.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ZONING/PLANNING

Virtual Planning Commission Meeting July 13, 2020

Commission recommended approval of:

Shady Lane Lot realignment

This plan added on some additional footage at the back of the lots at Shady Lane that adjoin the Herlocher property. Some residents were involved in the project. PC did recommend approval.

Cleeton moved to approve the Shady Lane Lot realignment plan.

Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bellefonte Laser Car Wash Northwest Bank Subdivision Plan and Land Development plan, with condition that a PennDOT HOP was received without significant changes to submitted plans

This plan is for a car wash next to the Northwest Bank on Bishop Street. One plan is a subdivision plan and one was the actual land development Plan. Hawbaker Engineering did the drawings. The Bank is subdividing property off for the car wash to be constructed. Stormwater engineer's review comments were addressed. Both plans were reviewed by the County and those comments were addressed. PC recommended approval of both plans, but the land development was conditioned on the HOP being approved without any significant changes to the plan. The HOP has been delayed due to COVID. The NPDES is outstanding and will be provided shortly.

Eaton moved to approve the subdivision plan was presented and the land development plan with the condition that the Highway Occupancy Permit is received without significant changes to the plan.

Johnson seconded the motion.

Parkview Boulevard issues were discussed. The car wash will only add to the congestion at that intersection. Johnson was concerned about the traffic counts not being done while school was in session. He also hoped that this new building would not impact the flooding taking place at Parkwood Drive. Brachbill also had concerns about this area. The stormwater system was discussed, and the current detention basin will be used to infiltrate runoff through, per Stewart.

Motion carried unanimously.

HARB:

Virtual HARB Meeting held July 14, 2020

Certificates of appropriateness – 455 East Linn Street, Fence, 412 East Curtin Street, Fence and House Paint, 118 East Howard Street (Roof Work) completed, exterior door changes, flashing alongside of the building

Certificates of Appropriateness –

Johnson moved to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 455 East Linn Street for the fence.

Prendergast seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 412 East Curtin Street Fence and House Paint Colors with the cream color for the pillars being approved administratively.

Cleeton seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Thompson moved to approve retroactively, the certificate of appropriateness for 118 East Howard Street, roof work, which was done in April, under duress during the Pandemic lockdown. Future replacements of this roof shall not be in-kind and shall be installed as a standing seam or more appropriate roof.

Johnson seconded the motion.

The roof work was discussed briefly. The work needed to be done in order to prevent further damage to the structure. Johnson remarked that in looking at the concept drawing the building will look beautiful when renovations are complete.

Motion carried unanimously.

Prendergast moved to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 118 East Howard Street for the remaining work as presented, including windows, garage doors, flashing, which flashing color will be approved administratively.

Cleeton seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thank you to Centre Strong organizers to keep people safe and help the area recover economically

Talleyrand Park Bridge Project Pay Application 1 in the amount of \$1,081.35.

Cleeton moved to approve Pay Application 1.

Eaton seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Holderman stated that a few weeks ago, he had asked Council to transfer \$37,000 of administrative funds over to the Talleyrand Park Project to help cover the cost of the bridge project. Two weeks ago, the CDBG administrator resigned. That left a void. In speaking with

Ray Stolinas in County Planning, they were going to contract with Seda COG to administer the projects.

The Bellefonte contract was in the process of being amended when the administrator resigned. That never got done prior. Holderman inquired about what would happen with the agreement. 2016-2019 project total \$65,107.00 for projects that will be completed in the next 3-4 months. He spoke with Planning and offered that he would ask Council if the Borough could finish out these projects, administratively, keeping the \$65,000 in the Borough, using it for projects and using it for reimbursement for work done as well, instead of it going to Seda COG.

The COVID funds will be administered by Seda COG, but he would like to keep started projects going without losing \$65,000. Holderman wanted to make council aware of the Borough handling the remainder of this project in-house. There are two options – one, the County goes into the agreement with Seda COG and CEDA-COG takes the funding, or two, Holderman would go back to Stolinas and offer that the Borough would administer the projects currently ongoing with Seda-COG taking over the 2020 projects.

Brachbill moved to allow the Borough to administer the projects currently ongoing, with Seda COG taking over administration of the CDBG funding in 2020. Prendergast seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council thanked Holderman for handling this issue.

Meeting held to discuss anti-discrimination ordinance draft

Holderman and Tosti-Vasey met with the attorney for the Pa. Human Relations Commission (PHRC) as well as the managers of State College Borough and Ferguson Township last week to review the drafts of the regional antidiscrimination ordinance and the MOU between the proposed regional Human Relations Commission and the PHRC that had come through the various communities. The draft is now being reviewed by Terry Williams, Esquire. Once the review is done, another meeting will be set up for questions raised by the solicitor.

Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on July 15 – see draft of amendments to sign ordinance

Council will review the sign ordinance. Tosti-Vasey stated that all but one change was made during the committee meeting. There was one additional item that needed to be amended but didn't happen at that meeting related to meet the US Supreme Court's interpretation regarding non-restriction of religious signs. The additional language states, "Off-property signage for religious institutions shall not exceed six square feet in size and not be attached to a tree or utility pole."

Tosti-Vasey also discussed changes to event signage and the school example in this section of the ordinance. Due to the recent controversy, if the school district decides to change the mascot the current example would be obsolete.

Consider approval of multi-model grant agreement for Railroad Street Bridge Project

Prendergast moved to approve the multi-model grant agreement for Railroad Street Bridge Project.

Eaton seconded the motion.

Stewart explained that this is the Railroad Street bridge project which was discussed prior. The project may take a couple of years. Mike Bloom, who subsequently left the County, sent over agreements before he left and stated that at some point the agreements needed to be approved. This paperwork will keep the project moving forward.

The County grant is over \$1 million. The Borough committed \$30,000 to the project which will not be needed until construction begins.

Council members will need to sign the document. Holderman will arrange for this.

Motion carried.

Parkwood Drive Stormwater Issue – See Memo

The water coming off of Zion Road is settling down over the hill behind the townhomes. It is drawing mosquitos. Holderman and Stewart met with a few of the residents. Stewart is suggesting a meeting onsite with PennDOT, and perhaps Benninghoff and Corman representatives to address the stormwater coming from Zion Road. Residents are adamant that this project became much worse after PennDOT put in the turning lane on Zion Road.

The Streets Committee will be invited to the meeting when it is scheduled.

Stewart reached out to the County regarding mosquito tablets for the water. The County will check the situation out and treat the standing water. This program is available through the County for West Nile Virus. There was a question as to what is in the tablets for treatment.

STMP – Consultant will be contacting council members regarding interviews

This project is behind schedule and Council will be contacted for input.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Motion to Approval “Centre Strong” Pledge

Thompson moved to approve the pledge.

Prendergast seconded the motion.

This will support the community in helping to stop the spread of the Covid-19 Virus.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Motion to create police services advisory committee – includes mission, authority, and number of members

Eaton moved to approve creating a police services advisory committee.

Thompson seconded the motion.

Membership was discussed briefly.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brachbill discussed a vacant lot not being mowed. He wanted this discussion to be made a part of the record that he requested that the lot be mowed. It sits on Cherry Lane before Ridge. The grass needs to be mowed as it is long enough to make hay out of it. It is out of control. Stewart did receive two notices from Brachbill, and they were referred to the Code Enforcement Officer. He is waiting for action. Fines were discussed briefly.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business coming before Council,

Prendergast moved to adjourn the Council meeting.

Cleeton seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.