

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2022- 7:30 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823
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The February 22, 2022, meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order by Randy Brachbill at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Randall Brachbill
Mr. Douglas Johnson
Ms. Barbara Dann
Ms. Shawna McKean
Ms. Johanna Sedgwick
Mr. Kent Bernier
Ms. Deborah Cleeton
Ms. Rita Purnell

EXCUSED: Ms. Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Mayor Buddy Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Harry Brooks, Code Enforcement Officer
Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator
Sean Weaver, Police Chief

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *Ms. Purnell moved to move the item of Mask Mandate from New Business to the Consent Agenda. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items) Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Dann moved to approve the DBI Garden Party in Talleyrand Park on May 15, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a rain date of May 22, 2022, date, and time only, conditioned upon obtaining further information. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

The mapping and further information will be emailed to Council.

Mr. Bernier moved to conditionally approve the Central PA Tasting Trail craft beverage expo on Sunday, June 26, 2022, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. in the extended area of Talleyrand Park following any CDC guidelines in place, upon receipt of the map of the event. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. McKean moved to approve the date change for the DBI Winter Market for December 10 through December 11, 2022, in Talleyrand Park. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Purnell moved to approve HBI's Easter Egg Hunt for April 16, 2022, with an ending time of 3 p.m. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Sedgwick Moved to approve St. John's Catholic School using Governor's Park fields and Pavilion No. 1 for their upcoming field day on May 19, 2022, with a rain date of May 23, 2022, with fees waived. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Cleeton moved to approve the Sunrise Rotary Children's Fair along Armor Street from Linn to Curtin and a portion of East Curtin over to Wilson Street 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 24, 2022. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. McKean moved to table the discussion of the Centre County Refuse and Recycling rebate money until May 2022. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Ms. McKean moved to remove financial items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

The Bellefonte Mask Mandate discussion was moved to Consent Agenda via motion at the beginning of the meeting. The mask discussion would entail changing from required to optional. Minutes and mask mandate items were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Mr. Bernier moved to approve the financial items on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Purnell moved to conditionally approve the minutes. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Purnell moved to approve the Bellefonte Borough's mask requirement from required to optional. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Mr. Bernier moved to amend the motion to require the mask requirement to be optional beginning at the first meeting in March. Ms. Sedgwick seconded. Motion carried.

The amended motion was then voted on as the main motion and was passed by a 6-2 vote.

REPORTS: Written reports were received.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Ms. Thompson clarified her report and discussed the DBI seminar regarding opening a business in the downtown district.

HARB: Nothing presented.

ZONING: Nothing presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Cleeton moved to conditionally approve the draft LERTA ordinance and have staff incorporate any conditions/comments from solicitor before sending the draft to the County and school district. Ms. McKean seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Bernier moved to take action to recommend putting in a painted stop bar and relocate the stop sign closer to the intersection of Crawford Lane. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Dann moved to approve ordinance no. 02222022-01 amending Chapter 455 Sewage Disposal Local Limits related to wastewater pretreatment limits developed by the EPA for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ms. Purnell seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Bernier moved to approve adding evaluation of meter parking fees and modifying the times of enforcement to be added to the 2022 Goals list. Ms. Cleeton seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Cleeton moved to approve the street paving in order by Wards. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Bernier moved to approve the deadline for Council packet agenda items to be noon the Thursday prior to the Monday meeting. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

*Mr. Bernier moved to adjourn. Ms. Dann seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.*

Executive Session: Real Estate Matters