

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
March 21, 2016
7:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jeremy Shaffer, Daniel L. DeMarco, David J. Mikec, Lana Mazur, Richard Avon, Patrick Mullin and Jack Betkowski

ABSENT: Lana Mazur and Stephen Korbel

SOLICITOR: Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Douglas Sample

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Dominic J. Rickert

RECORDING SECRETARY: Deborah Ann Betzler

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

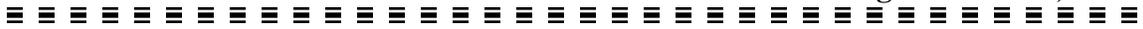
PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS - None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

Resolution No. 2203 – Authorizing the Township Manager to amend the brokerage account with PNC Investments to comply with federal regulations and to authorize execution of depository and treasury management services with PNC Investments for the Ross Township/McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Lowries Run Joint Operating Committee Account, as described and attached hereto.

Mr. Sample commented as follows:



MR. SAMPLE: “And just for everyone's knowledge, this line is half owned by McCandless, half owned by the township. It's not an authority, but it's just an operating committee. Myself and Commissioner Mazur have been appointed to represent Ross on the committee, and PNC is requiring it. It's one of the new financial requirements the federal government has enacted. McCandless has passed theirs. So once we enact it, we'll be in.”

Resolution adopted – 7 to 0

Resolution No. 2204 – Temporary banner placement across McKnight Road south of McIntyre Road for the Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, which message reads: “Taste of Greek Festival – 8-31-16 to 9-04-16.”

Motion to adopt made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Mullin.

Motion passes – 7 to 0

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED - None

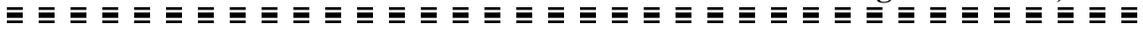
ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED:

Ordinance No. 2359 – Transportation Partnership District

Motion to enact made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.

Commissioner Shaffer suggested changing the language in Section 2 to be “finance projects” instead of “finance for projects.” The motioner and seconder agreed. Commissioner Betkowski commented that one document was missing from the packet provided to him and inquired whether other commissioners would like to review the document before voting.

**Motion passes – 6 to 1
Commissioner Shaffer voting in the negative**



Ordinance No. 2369_ – Establishing a “No Parking Zone” on the easterly side of Fairley Road in the township.

(This ordinance was addressed as follows after citizens’ comments were made at the end of the meeting.)

Motion to table made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

Motion passes – 7 to 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2016, and March 7, 2016

Motion to approve made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

**Motion passes – 6 to 0 with 1 abstention
Commissioner DeMarco abstaining**

Payment of Bills and Financial Reports

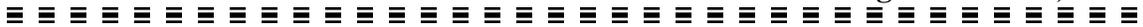
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mikec and seconded by Commissioner Mullin.

**Motion passes – 6 to 0 with 1 abstention
Commissioner Stanko abstaining**

PLANNING COMMISSION:

SP-16-4 – James W. Yagusic requesting Subdivision approval for the purpose of a three-lot subdivision on property located at 4591 Peoples Road in an R-1 Zoning District of the 7th Ward.

MR. RICKERT: "The Planning Commission, having reviewed this application, is of the opinion that it meets the terms as set forth in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and/or the Zoning Ordinance and hereby recommends preliminary and final conditional approval of the above Subdivision application, subject to the applicant



meeting all comments in the Gateway Engineers and township review letters."

Mr. Jason Paulovich, Gibson-Thomas Engineering Company, was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. James W. Yagusic, applicant, was also present. Mr. Paulovich described the request in detail. He indicated it was to build a home in the immediate future and for two additional lots for "some time down the road." Lot No. 1 will be Mr. Yagusic's primary residence. Commissioner Mikec inquired as to an 80-foot section that comes down. Mr. Yagusic indicated that would be for solar panels. Since Evergreen Road is a state road, at the time the driveway is built an HOP permit will be needed.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mikec and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

Motion passes – 7 to 0

Regarding 7209 McKnight and Verizon, Mr. Rickert indicated they have submitted all the materials for conditional approval and have their final approval. They received their grading permit, and construction should be beginning soon.

PLANNING/ZONING REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – None

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Mullin stated the Easter Egg Hunt at Denny Park was a success. He thanked Ms. Peet and his wife Robin for their hard work on the event. Commissioner Shaffer also stated the Easter Egg Hunt held at the Municipal Center was a success.

ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board motion to award First National Bank, the lowest bidder, the 2016 financing for municipal vehicles.



Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.

Motion passes – 7 to 0

Request Board motion to accept the McKnight Road Due Diligence Study Work Authorization from Gateway.

Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.

Commissioner Mikec commented that it should be “not to exceed \$10,000” to complete the study. Commissioner Shaffer commented that he wanted to make sure that Gateway has experience doing such a study. Mr. Sample said they were experienced.

Motion passes – 7 to 0

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:

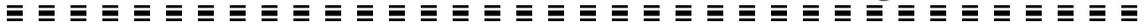
Commissioner Mikec commented that the ads did go out for the Public Works full-time employment openings as well as the summer employment openings. He also commented that crack sealing has begun. Regarding the new Public Works building, four of the seven floor slabs have been poured. Mr. Funk indicated they are about a week from completing the roof. He also commented that the CMU walls are up, and the metal studding is going in “as we speak.” All the rough-in plumbing is done, and the ductwork is about 80 percent complete. June 1st is the target completion date.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT - None

PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE/FIRE POLICE/EMS COMMITTEE REPORT - None

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mr. Sample stated regarding the Public Works building that June 1st is the significant completion date. There will still need to be



landscaping done. Mr. Funk stated June 1st would be completion of the floors and doors.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mullin commented that there is a comprehensive study group meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 in the municipal building for Denny Park.

Commissioner Stanko congratulated the chief and wished him well in his retirement.

Commissioners Mikec and Shaffer echoed Commissioner Stanko's comments regarding Chief Bellan and his efforts.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that a local church is having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at Martorelli Stadium with 20,000 Easter eggs. He also commented on the progress being made on the Cemetery Lane/Girty's Run potential park/green space area. He thanked Commissioner Betkowski for also attending the meetings. Commissioner Shaffer indicated hopefully they will have more information to report on that in the coming weeks as they look at the Comprehensive Plan, as well as Denny Park and Bellevue Park, trying to link those parks together. He suggested possibly having a trail along the 279 corridor.

Commissioner Mikec commented that there is a multi-use trail that goes along Forest, goes across 279. There is a sidewalk on the bridge, and it goes all the way into West View Plaza and Bronx Field. He indicated along Bellevue Road there is "a big issue."

Commissioner Shaffer also extended his thanks to Commissioner Mazur for arranging the party for the chief.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, commented that Ordinance 2369 was not discussed. He also questioned if there was a penalty if the Public Works Building was not complete by June 1st. Commissioner Mikec commented there was a

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penalty for going over, but no penalty to the township for early completion. Mr. Zawoysky also inquired if the full-time Public Works openings were new hires or replacements. Commissioner Mikec stated they were replacements for employees that retired.

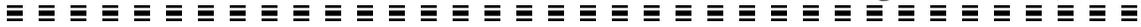
Mr. Zawoysky also inquired about the due diligence study. Commissioner Betkowski explained its purpose. He also inquired about the senior bus. Mr. Zawoysky also commented on the green space on Cemetery Lane. He also inquired if Commissioner Avon supported the 15 MPH streets in Laurel Gardens. Commissioner DeMarco stated those streets are controlled by law. He also mentioned speed bumps. He also asked if the township supported 25 MPH on Babcock Boulevard. Commissioner Shaffer stated Babcock is a county road.

Mr. David R. Winter, 125 9th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, addressed the Board regarding safety violations in his neighborhood. He discussed a commercial truck parked on 10th Street as well as a Jeep that is blocking a fire hydrant. He also discussed ATV vehicles being driven on the street. He was advised by Lieutenant Hribik to call the Police Department regarding these matters. Commissioner Shaffer advised Mr. Winter that ATVs are not permitted to be driven on the street. Chief Bellan advised Mr. Winter to call the police if he has a concern. The chief stated the nonemergency number is for administrative issues. The chief stated he would look into the matter. Mr. Winter also congratulated Commissioner Avon on being a new commissioner and welcomed him. Commissioner Avon encouraged Mr. Winter to let him know if he has any problems.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

Motion passes – 7 to 0

**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 P.M.
NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN**



Douglas Sample
Manager/Secretary

By: _____
Jeremy Shaffer, President
Ross Township Board of
Commissioners

Minutes transcribed by *Deborah Ann Betzler, Court Reporter*