

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting  
1000 Ross Municipal Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
October 5, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Grant Montgomery, David J. Mikec,  
Paul Trilli, Jeremy Shaffer, John Sponcer, Daniel L. DeMarco,  
Stephen Korbelt, Grace Stanko and Lana Mazur

**SOLICITOR:** Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:** Douglas Sample

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ZONING  
ADMINISTRATOR:** Dominic Rickert (Absent)

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*Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None**

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**PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS - None**

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**RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED - None**

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**ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**Ordinance No. 2358 - Amending certain provisions of the Ross  
Township General Employees' Pension Plan**

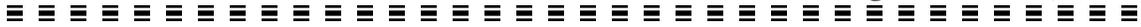
Mr. Sample stated this is the defined contribution plan for the  
nonunion employees. It would be a three percent employee  
contribution and an eight percent township contribution.

**Public hearing to be held on October 19, 2015**

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**ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED - None**

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2015**

**Payment of Bills and Financial Reports**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes – 8 to 0 with 1 abstention  
Commissioner Mazur abstaining**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION - None**

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**PLANNING/ZONING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - None**

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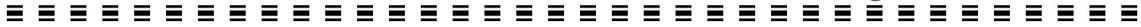
**RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Commissioner Trilli indicated he had over 200 people respond to the Denny Park survey. The committee met today and went over the results. He stated he would like to have a public meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the results with the public. He also requested that the meeting be advertised.

Commissioner Mazur stated the Halloween Bash will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center. Tickets are \$30 each. All proceeds will benefit the purchase of equipment for Evergreen Park. The township Halloween parade will be held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration is due by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Crafters are needed for the township craft show on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Recreation Department if you are interested.

Commissioner Mazur also mentioned that you can also go online and fill out the form for Santa Claus to make a phone call to your child or to sign up to see Santa Claus and his reindeer at the Municipal Center.

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**ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Request Board approval for Pay Application Request No. 2 from Sports and Recreation Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$126,530.79 for work completed between July 16, 2015, and August 21, 2015, for the Herge Park Rehabilitation Project.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 3 and Final from Insight Pipe Contracting, LP, in the amount of \$6,303.77 for work completed between July 1, 2015, and July 30, 2015, and for released retainage from CCTV work completed previously for the 2015 CCTV Inspection Project as required by the Consent Order.**

Commissioner Stanko stated this was approved by Gateway Engineers.

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 3 from Sports and Recreation, LLC, in the amount of \$60,009.36 for work completed between August 22, 2015, and September 23, 2015, for the Herge Park Rehabilitation Project.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None**

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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Commissioner Mikec stated work on the Public Works salt dome is underway. Everything seems to be on schedule for the November 1<sup>st</sup> completion. Milling has been done on roads slated for the paving program. Paving should be done in the second week of October.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Request approval for Patrolman Michael P. Thomas and Patrolman Al Elway to attend the Pennsylvania State Police Collision Reconstruction Seminar at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center, State College, PA, October 12-15, 2015. Estimated Cost: Not to exceed \$600.00 (Training is free of charge)**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Commissioner Trilli stated on Wednesday the Civil Service will be meeting and going over the applicants for future police officers.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE/FIRE POLICE/EMS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Commissioner Sponcer reported “progress.”

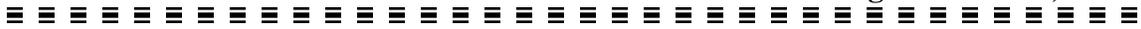
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**MANAGER’S REPORT - None**

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**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner DeMarco, Commissioner Mazur stated tickets for the Halloween Bash are \$30 apiece and \$150 for a table of six. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. Commissioner DeMarco also stated the following day is the annual McKnight Village Halloween Parade, and Batman will be appearing. All are invited. The Berkeley Hills fire engine will be leading the parade.



Commissioner Stanko stated there would be a community meeting on Thursday, October the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 at the West View Firemen's building located at 398 Perry Highway to discuss efforts to get a bus stop on Perry Highway.

Commissioner Mikec thanked Lieutenant Ley and the Police Department for the demonstration with the police dog at the educational seminar at the fall conference of the PSATC. Commissioner Mikec stated he would have a full conference report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Korbelt stated the planning committee met last week to discuss revisions and drafting an ordinance that would require sidewalks to be constructed in certain areas of the township. The solicitor is making revisions to what was discussed, and they will have another meeting to discuss the revisions. The Comp Plan will be considered at the meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He also stated they discussed the creation of a traffic impact fee district in McKnight Road. That will be talked about and considered at the next meeting. Commissioner Korbelt also stated continuing the bus route on Perry Highway is an important issue. He indicated they are looking for stories of people who are unable to get to work due to the bus situation so they can take these matters before the Port Authority. He reiterated the meeting will be held on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shaffer congratulated Commissioner Mikec for a well-run educational conference and also for serving as president of the PSATC. He also congratulated Commissioner Stanko for being president of the North Hills COG. Commissioner Shaffer also stated that this Friday at 7:00 p.m. the township building will be hosting Northland Library's exclusive showing of "Thomas and Friends Sodor's Legend of the Lost Treasure" movie event. The first 150 people get coloring books, and there is going to be other door prizes. This is done in association with WQED and the library.

Commissioner Trilli stated the Ross Township Police Department Special Programs Division is conducting a program called "What do you consider lethal?" on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in the West View Banquet Hall and Firemen's Building. 40 percent of



teenage deaths are a result of automobile accidents, but 77 of the fatal accidents do not involve alcohol or drugs.

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**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, questioned the starting time of the meeting. Commissioner Montgomery stated the meeting did start on time. Mr. Zawoysky also questioned if balloon releases need approved. He also questioned if a neighbor's tree falls on his property, can he cut it. He also questioned if he can shoot a burglar on his property as well as whether a drone flying over his home is considered an invasion of his property. Ms. Brimmeier stated they could not give him legal advice. He was advised to consult a lawyer with such questions. Mr. Zawoysky also questioned sidewalks at the McCracken Ford property leading to nowhere. He also stated he submitted a Right-to-Know request. Mr. Sample stated he would be in contact with Mr. Zawoysky.

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**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.**

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**Manager/Secretary**

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**President,  
Grant Montgomery  
Ross Township Board of  
Commissioners**

**Minutes transcribed by *Noreen A. Re, Certified Realtime Reporter***