

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
October 19, 2015
7:30 p.m.

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

SOLICITOR: Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Douglas Sample

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS - None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

Resolution No. 2187 – Approving a plan revision for a parcel of land identified as The Cosmopolitan Apartments described in the Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

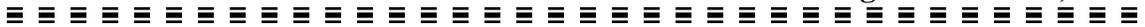
Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Korbel and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED - None

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED:

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



Motion to enact made by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Motion passes unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2015, and October 5, 2015**
- 2. Payment of Bills and Financial Reports**

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

Motion passes unanimously

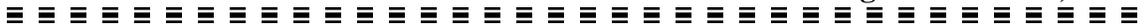
PLANNING COMMISSION:

S-15-12 - Mario S. and Georgine P. Guerriero requesting Subdivision approval for the purpose of a two-lot consolidation on property located at 4433 Lucerne Avenue in an R-2 Zoning District of the 6th Ward.

Mr. Jason Paulovich, Gibson-Thomas Engineering Company, was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Paulovich stated the request was for a property consolidation plan of two existing parcels into one for the future purpose of a garage.

MR. RICKERT: “The Planning Commission, having reviewed this application on September 24, 2015, 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 conditional preliminary and conditional final approval of the above-referenced plan with approval for each to be granted upon meeting the conditions per Gateway's review letter dated September 21st and the township letter dated October 9th.”

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



Motion passes unanimously

SP-15-2 - Robert J. Colosimo Family Trust requesting Final Site Plan approval to construct a private-access bridge to cross Girty’s Run and construct commercial accessory storage on property located at 2987 Babcock Boulevard in a C-2 Zoning District of the 7th Ward.

Jonathan Kamin, Esq., was present on behalf of the applicant. He stated this is complementary to their existing operations. Traffic will be accessed by employees only in deliveries through the existing site up a bridge to be constructed and up the hill, so there won't be any access at that point.

MR. RICKERT: “The Planning Commission, having reviewed this application on September 24, 2015, 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 approval without conditions and conditional final approval of the above-referenced plan with approval to be granted upon meeting the conditions per Gateway's review letter dated September 17, 2015, and the township letter dated October 9, 2015.”

Mr. Kamin stated both letters were reviewed, and the conditions are acceptable.

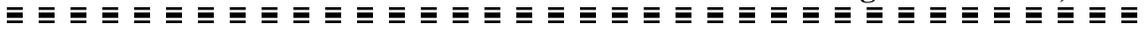
Motion to approve made by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Trilli.

Motion passes unanimously

PLANNING/ZONING REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Korbelt regarding a meeting held on September 30th regarding the sidewalk ordinance, Ms. Brimmeier responded as follows:

MS. BRIMMEIER: "The sidewalk committee had a meeting, and we addressed items that we'd like to have into an ordinance. And I have also gotten a couple sample ordinances for some other



communities that are similar, and we'll be having that draft for your next meeting."

Commissioner Korbel requested a meeting next week. He requested Mr. Rickert to help coordinate getting the meeting set. Commissioner Korbel stated the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th. The comprehensive plan will be discussed at that meeting. There will be a public hearing, and at that point the Board can either adopt the plan or consider it at a future meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Mazur stated submissions for the magazine need to be turned in to Ms. Peet by this Friday. She also stated the first Halloween bash was held last Friday, which was a huge success due to all the hard work of the Rec Department and all the volunteers. She indicated the numbers aren’t in yet, but it looked like the event raised approximately \$3,000 for playground equipment for Evergreen Park.

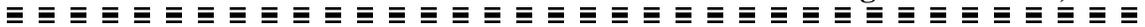
ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board approval for Payment 4 for Gurtner Construction in the amount of \$217,912.50 for work on the New Public Works and Salt Storage Facility for Ross Township.

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

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 1 from Jet Jack, Inc., in the amount of \$195,203.34 for repair work completed between August 1, 2015, and August 31, 2015, for the Ross Township 2015 Sewer Repair Contract B – Lining Repairs as required by the Consent Order.



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

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board approval to amend the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget.

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

Motion passes unanimously

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Mikec indicated the tar and chip work on the alleys is completed. The paving and milling is going on now for the remaining portions of the 2015 paving program. 42 signs were erected over the last few weeks. The salt storage walls are up and under construction at the Public Works building. The pavement will be in this week, and footers are underway for the new garage.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

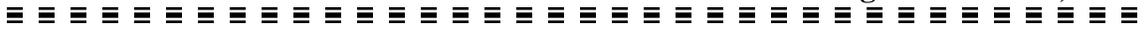
Motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Ross Township Police Department pending the solicitor's approval made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

Commissioner Trilli congratulated the Police Department on being awarded 100 free helmets for their bicycle community events, which was through the Kohl's Hard Head Program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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

Commissioner Sponcer reported "progress." He also indicated that the chiefs would be meeting next Wednesday.



MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mr. Sample report that the community garden located at Herge Park at Christ Lutheran Church is underway. He personally thanked Longvue Acres Garden Club for their generous donation that allowed the purchase of cedar planks for the garden.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

Commissioner Stanko thanked Eloise Peet, CB and all the other members of the Recreation Department plus all of the volunteers that helped put the Halloween party together. She stated the decorations were outstanding, and a good time was had by all.

Commissioner Mazur stated everyone that she knew that attended the Halloween party had a great time. She stated it was a good start to, hopefully, an annual tradition. She also reminded everyone that the children’s Halloween party would be this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Commissioner Mazur also stated a resignation letter was received from Mr. David Eifler from the Civil Service Commission. She requested that discussion regarding advertising for the position be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Shaffer stated a lot of work went into the new employee pension plan. He indicated it would be particularly beneficial for the township over the long run as they switch the new nonunion employees from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan with some allowances even for some existing ones to switch in and give them some flexibility as well.

Commissioner Trilli stated there will be a public meeting regarding Denny Park tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center.

Commissioner Sponcer reminded everyone that Halloween is on October 31st and that the fire companies will be out to help keep the kids safe.

Commissioner DeMarco indicated he enjoyed himself at the Halloween bash. He also thanked the Police Department, especially



Sergeant Grubb, and the Berkeley Hills Fire Company for leading the McKnight Village Halloween Parade, which was led by Batman.

Commissioner Montgomery stated Halloween is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, inquired about sidewalks on a county or state road. Commissioner Montgomery stated if it wasn't on the road, it would be on Ross property. Mr. Zawoysky mentioned the speed limit on McKnight Road. Commissioner Montgomery stated the township does not establish the speed limit on McKnight. Mr. Zawoysky provided copies of the packet he sent to the Ethics Committee. He also referenced some Right-to-Know requests he made as well as some other issues addressed in the packet he provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:54 P.M.

**Douglas Sample
Manager/Secretary**

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

Minutes transcribed by *Deborah Ann Betzler, Court Reporter*