

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
May 19, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Junior Commissioner Stanley Marciniak, III

SOLICITOR: Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Douglas Sample

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS – None

AWARDING OF BIDS:

2014 Ross Township Parks and Ball Field Lawn Maintenance

Mr. Sample read the winning bids as follows:

No. 1 – Fertilization and weed control – AarMark Land Management - \$5,509.13

No. 2 – Aeration and overseed – Pittsburgh Lawn Care – \$1,400

No. 3 – Lime application – Pittsburgh Lawn Care - \$1,200

No. 4 – Herb Field fertilization – TruGreen - \$920

Motion to award the bids as read by Mr. Sample made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Trilli.

Motion passes unanimously

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE:

McKnight Women's Club 60th Anniversary

Commissioner DeMarco presented a plaque to members of the McKnight Women's Club, who are celebrating their 60th anniversary. Ms. Beth Seiler, Ms. Debbie Sucha and Ms. Jean Jesky were present to accept the plaque.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

Resolution No. 2136 – Proclaiming the week of June 8-14 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Week” in Ross Township

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

Motion passes unanimously

Resolution No. 2137 – Temporary banner placement across Siebert Road between Starbucks and the McKnight Post Office, which message reads “St. Sebastian Church Festival - July 5th thru July 12, 2014.”

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

Motion passes unanimously

Resolution No. 2138 - Temporary banner placement over McKnight Road south of McIntyre Road for the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, which reads "Taste of Greek Festival - August 27-31, 2014."

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

Motion passes unanimously

Commissioner Trilli inquired whether anyone has entertained having some sort of kiosk built out on McKnight Road where events held within the

community or just “Welcome to Ross Township” can be displayed possibly on an LED or something like that for enhancement. Commissioner Mazur responded that at one time that was a thought that was put aside due to the fact that Dollar Bank was going to build at the bottom of the hill, and they were supposed to erect it for nothing. She indicated it had been something put on the back burner and could be something looked into in the future. Commissioner Montgomery nominated Commissioners Mazur and Trilli to look into the matter.

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED - None

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED - None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2014, and the Payment of Bills and Financial Reports made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.

Motion passes unanimously

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Peet indicated she received notice that the contract does not need to be amended with regard to removing the disc golf course at Evergreen Park. The \$20,500 can be used for the trail rehab. Commissioner Shaffer commented that the Historical Society is hosting an event at Evergreen Park next Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board motion to adopt new Bid Opening Process

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

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board approval for payment of Invoice 583-2 from Olander Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$13,300.00 for professional services through April 30, 2014, for the design phase of the HVAC replacement project.

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

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to approve the execution of the settlement and release on the Cemetery Lane project made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

Commissioner Shaffer inquired if there was an obligation to reduce stormwater and, if not, that it had to be reduced elsewhere. Commissioner Montgomery stated as a result of the settlement they had to make best efforts or they would be in violation. Commissioner Sponcer stated with the new Public Works building there would be a retention pond built, which would cover the matter.

Motion passes unanimously

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board motion to hire an intern to collect data for Road Paving Management Software at an hourly rate of \$10.00.

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

Motion passes unanimously

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board motion to create a “Traffic Advisory Board.”

Motion made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Commissioner Mikec commented that this would address only regulatory signs. He indicated if it was a regulatory sign, it would go before the engineer. Commissioner DeMarco indicated the board would make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding certain traffic signs and that the engineer would be involved, if needed.

**Motion passes – 8 to 1
Commissioner Mikec voting in the negative**

Motion to have the solicitor draft an ordinance made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

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

Commissioner Sponcer stated there would be a chiefs’ meeting on Wednesday.

PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT - None

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mr. Sample stated the township’s local government intern, Natalie Thiess, will be starting tomorrow. She will be updating the employee handbook. The township’s engineering intern, Zach Wilson, will be starting on Wednesday. He will be cataloging the roads.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

Commissioners DeMarco and Stanko wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Commissioner Mikec inquired as to the status of the Highland Country Club project, but Mr. Hankins was not present to respond. He also indicated the kick-off for the discount program for the Volunteer Firemen Retention and Recruitment Committee was in the new Ross magazine. He also welcomed any new businesses that would like to participate.

Commissioner Mazur indicated the Ross Record would be sent to residents this week. The summer rec program will be beginning soon. She also indicated Junior Councilperson Stanley Marciniak just received a prestigious award from the Senate Youth Program.

Commissioner Korbelt thanked everyone for agreeing to move the meeting to tonight. He also indicated that he would be hosting a meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room to discuss the new luxury apartment development at the intersection of Cheryl Drive and McKnight East. The developer will be present to discuss any concerns. The annual meeting of the Berkeley Hills Civic Association will be held on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Berkeley Hills Fire Hall. Commissioner Korbelt also requested that Public Works check on a pothole at the intersection of Goldsmith and Siebert. He also requested that Tyler Field be mowed.

Commissioner Shaffer stated he was invited to speak at the RED luncheon tomorrow to educate people about the business privilege and mercantile tax. If any commissioner would like to attend, they can either contact Mr. Craig Linner or send an E-mail to Mr. Sample. As a member of the Library Foundation Board, he stated close attention should be paid to the consolidation effort that is going on with the Allegheny County Library Association. He discussed the funding of the library. Commissioner DeMarco stated that is why it is important to keep a commissioner and a citizen on the Library Board. Commissioner DeMarco indicated the library is concerned about this consolidation effort. Commissioner DeMarco was against the consolidation.

Commissioner Sponcer stated there will be a Memorial Day service beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the monument in Laurel Gardens.

Commissioner Montgomery requested the sound system at McIntyre Field be checked due to complaints from residents. He also extended his thanks to all veterans who served and also gave their lives. He also

recognized Mr. Nelson Erb in the audience and thanked him for his military service as well as his township service. Commissioner Montgomery also reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and to get out and vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

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

Motion passes unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 P.M.

Manager/Secretary

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

Minutes prepared by Noreen A. Re, Court Reporter