East Washington Borough Council Meeting Monday, May 2, 2022 - 7:00 pm Minutes

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Call to Order Pledge Roll Call

Matt Boice, Mayor Maryann Weinstein, President, Absent Doug Corwin, Vice President, Absent Michael McCormick, Council Member David Bradley, Chief of Police Demond Nixon, Council Member, Absent Daniel Bird, Council Member Arthur J. Fulton, Council Member Kent James, Council Member Aaron Lucero, Supervisor, P. Works

Dennis Makel, Solicitor Rich Rush, Engineer, Absent Reca Panian, Chair, Park & Shade Gerald Coleman, Code Officer Sandy Motichak, Sec-Treas

<u>Public Comment</u>—Any person from the public may speak for a 3-minute period. The total time allotted for public comment is 15 minutes. Please state your name, address, and subject. Please choose a representative to speak if you have the same concern.

No public comment.

On a motion made by Joe Fulton and seconded by Dan Bird the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2022, were passed by unanimous vote. Continuation meeting minutes tabled until the next meeting.

Dan Bird made a motion and seconded by Joe Fulton to approve the Bills, Gen Acct \$12,125.49 (Checks 7509 to 7529)

.PLGIT Acct \$3,318.31 (Checks 993 to-994). were passed by unanimous vote.

Action Items / Discussion:

- 1.. Council received word from Sarah Boyce, Borough Engineer, that the Park is too wet to start the work for the project. Tentative start date mid-May. Upon further discussion with the Solicitor, a motion was made by Joe Fulton and seconded by Michael McCormick to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a Release Agreement between the borough and **Aaron Miller, The Dreamers Company** for the release of the old playground equipment excluding the swings to the satisfaction of borough council. Passed by unanimous vote.
- 2. Michael McCormick provided a draft sketch of the proposed grant for the green space. Items, such as benches, butterfly garden and trail were identified. Michael is working with Sarah Boyce, Borough Engineer, for the cost estimates and to finalize the grant submittal at the continuation meeting on May 16, 2022.
- 3. Upon a motion made by Dan Bird and seconded by Michael McCormick the following individuals are appointed to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. Gary Stout (3 Year Term), Andrew Ayers, (1 Year Term), and Bruce McDowell (2 Year Term) retroactive to January 1, 2022. Motion passed. Secretary to send letters to board members notifying them of their appointments and include the Statement of Financial Interest forms which are to be completed by board members.

At the recommendation of the Solicitor, the Code Enforcement Appeals Board is outdated and no longer needed.

4. Road Project Bids. Aaron Lucero met with Rich Rush to discuss the 2022 road project. Aaron Lucero made a recommendation to Council that South Wade needs repaired and should be done this year. To do the Lemoyne Ave project next year. As a result, Dan Bird made a motion and seconded by Joe Fulton to authorize Rich Rush, Borough Engineer, to prepare specifications for repairs to the intersection of South Wade and Harrison Street. Passed by unanimous vote.

Solicitor No report.

<u>Mayor</u> – Tesla has minimal damage and Chief is doing well recovering at home. He also wanted to report that the Borough clean up day held in April was a success. The weather was good and extend a thank you to everyone who helped that day.

Council Members - Reports / Discussion

Joe Fulton explained that the website crashed, and he was able to restore the old site but had to authorize the daily backup through the carrier at a cost of \$28.00 per year. This service provides the daily backup of the website so this will not happen again.

Michael McCormick brought to the attention of council that our handicap reserve parking ordinance may need addressed. The ordinance states that the applicant must have a handicap license plate, not just a placard. There may be circumstances that warrant another driver to transport a handicap individual, or the injury may be temporary in nature. As discussion continued, Council agreed that the handicap reserved parking ordinance may need amended. Put it on the next meeting agenda.

Doug Corwin, Vice President Maryann Weinstein, President Dan Bird Demond Nixon Kent James

On a motion made by Michael McCormick and seconded by Dan Bird council went into an Executive Session_for personnel and real estate reasons at 8:00 pm. Passed by unanimous vote.

Out of executive session 8:40 pm.

Motion Dan Bird and /seconded by Michael McCormick to continue the meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Motion passed.