

East Washington Borough Council Meeting Minutes Monday, August 7th 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Maryann Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

Demond Nixon - Zoom @ 7:11
Maryann Weinstein
Michael McCormick
Arthur J. Fulton
Reca Panian, Park & Shade
ZooPublic Comment Period

Mumbi Mundia
Daniel Bird
Kent James
Gerald Coleman-Zoom
Tim Kreger

Dennis Makel, Esq.
Jordan Cooper, Harshman - Zoom
Doug Corwin
Aaron Lucero
Alyssa Curry-Broderick -

In addition, the following were in attendance, Michael and Sally Robinson via Zoom of 521 East Beau Street.

- Michael & Sally Robinson had concerns about youth football parking on the street next to their house. Sally needs to park there because of physical limitations. She has a handicapped placard from the state. The borough suggested providing them a handicap parking sign/designated spot outside of their home once we receive the application. The police chief and mayor will address parking issues again with the organization. Discussion to follow later in the meeting.

Action Items

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to approve bills for the period of July 11th to July 10th the amount of \$66,119.78 from the general account, \$7,100 from Act 13, and \$683.10 from PLGIT. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Reports

- Park & Shade Commission
 - Rece Panian gave an update on the picnic which will include a children's show at 3:30, the meal at 4:30, and other activities like volleyball, and a giant beach ball.

- Movie night (Super Mario Bros.) on August 4th had around 100 people in attendance.
- Mayor
 - Demond thanked everyone involved for a great movie night.
- Police
 - 42 calls for July. Our condolences to Officer Coffman on the passing of his child.
- Public Works
 - Aaron reported the handicap spaces at the playground are completed.
 - He suggested a shed at the Nicolous Cumer Park for movie night and picnic supplies, approx \$4-5k
- Administration
 - The borough received \$34,992.78 from LSA and \$5,045.96 from Comcast.
- Code Enforcement
 - Jordan Cooper reported on active cases being pursued by Harshman and on the rental inspections that he is doing.

Discussion on the purchase of mats for underneath swings. Mats are part of safety compliance. Mike will collaborate with Aaron on the purchase of mats.

Motion Joe Fulton seconded by Dan Bird to approve hiring Matt McDanel, Ron Catrain, and Elizabeth Davidson as part-time police officers. Passed unanimously.

Motion Mumbia Mundia, seconded by Dan Bird to add adding a handicap only parking sign at the Robinson's residence on Morgan, to the agenda. Passed unanimously. No public comment.

Motion to put a handicapped only parking sign next to the Robinson residence by Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin, passed unanimously.

Discussion on 635 North Wade Avenue/Baker building permit status. Dennis Makel suggested agreement between the boro and Mr. Baker, stating the boro is waiving procedures, stating the structure is temporary and needs to be removed after sixty days of not being inhabited by the intended person. Jerry said to waive the permit since it doesn't meet guidelines as well as waive the fee.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to approve the structure at 635 North Avenue. The borough will waive the permit and fee, and it will be subject to an agreement written up by Mr. Makel, that includes removal once the intended resident, Ken Baker, can no longer inhabit it after sixty days, and will hold the borough harmless. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on the Memorial Park sign grant through Republic Services. Joe will supply a sketch of the sign.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded Michael McCormick, to authorize Joe to apply for a grant through Republic Services for the Memorial Park sign. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on allowing the Park Committee to schedule events and how the committee can spend allocated event funds. Dennis Makel said everyone that interacts with children needs clearances. Maryann suggested they give us a budget for 2024. Everything will need to be brought to the board ahead of time. Alyssa Broderick will check into creating a policy for clearances and getting the Parks and Shade committee certified.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded Doug Corwin to approve Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 28th from 5-6:30. Passed unanimously. Alyssa will check with insurance about Candy in the Park.

Motion Dan Bird second Joe Fulton to approve Alyssa spending up to \$100 on Halloween candy passed unanimously.

Discussion on Per Capita tax. Kent James is in favor of getting rid of the tax. Maryann will check with Keystone about whether they are collecting \$5 or \$10 for the borough.

Council Member Reports

- Mumbi Mundia - Asked about the meeting with W&J concerning East End Lane, the electricity progress at the park, and when the new website will be live. Maryann has not heard anything from W and J about East Lane since May. Joe is working on the website. He needs people to read the material for the new website and provide feedback. Several time consuming issues related to the new website have come up. Park lighting scheduled for this week.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm made by Dan Bird, seconded by Doug Corwin. Passed unanimously.

Alyssa Curry-Broderick