

BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

PUBLIC MEETING

PRESENT:

Colleen Leonard, Council President
Jane Flanagan, Council Vice-President
Robert Stokley, Senior Council Member
Anita Barton, Council Member
Tina Sokolowski, Council Member
James Griffin, Council Member
Karen Tutino, Council Member
Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
Michael E. Peters, Interim Borough Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Conshohocken Borough Council duly advertised, was held at the Conshohocken Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA. Ms. Colleen Leonard, Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER FOR COUNCIL

Ms. Jane Flanagan read a Prayer for Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council President announcements.

PRESENTATONS

a.) Public Hearing on 111 West Tenth Avenue Conditional Use Application

Mr. Peters provided an overview of the application. He shared that the application is to permit an addition to an existing single-family detached dwelling and explained that the property is subject to the Zoning Ordinance's Historic Residential Conservation Overlay District regulations as the dwelling was constructed prior to 1967.

The applicant, Jayson Goldberg, was present. Mr. Goldberg explained that he intends to replace the roof and at the same time raise the roof and extend the living area towards the rear of the property, making the third floor usable living space. He confirmed that the proposed expansion is limited to the side and rear yard. Mr. Peters inquired about the general appearance of the proposed dwelling. Mr. Goldberg explained that the building addition would conform in scale and building materials to the façade of the existing dwelling and neighboring dwellings. Ms. Barton inquired about the type of balcony support structure.

Mr. Peters called for public comment.

Joan Gordon 107 West 10th Avenue, spoke in support of the application, stating that the property needs to be repaired.

Anna Marie Travagline, 139 West 10th Avenue, asked several questions pertaining to the property use and footprint. Mr. Goldberg responded that he purchased the single-family detached dwelling to reside in and that the balcony will be added to the third floor, within the building footprint.

George Gephardt, 131 West 12th Avenue, inquired about the proposed building height. Mr. Goldberg replied that the proposed building height is 35 feet, which meets the Zoning Ordinance requirement.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to grant conditional use approval for 111 West Tenth Avenue, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Cecco read and reviewed the items included on the consent agenda.

- a.) Approve and adopt the February 7, February 21, March 14 and March 22 Meeting Minutes.
- b.) Accept the March-ending Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$555,248.19.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Consider appointing an applicant for the Environmental Advisory Council Vacancy

This agenda item was tabled for further discussion.

- b.) Consider re-appointing Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. to conduct the Borough's annual financial audit for the fiscal years ending 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Ms. Sokolowski provided reasoning for reappointment of Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. She stated that Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. has helped to correct adverse audit opinions and internal control issues and work towards satisfying GASB standards. She added that an additional three years will help ensure the Borough can eliminate these adverse findings and opinions and position the Borough to be able to go out into the market with a solid foundation. Ms. Sokolowski suggested that Council evaluate their internal process for reappointment of Borough consultants.

Mr. Stokley made a motion to approve re-appointing Bee, Bergvall & Co., P.C. to conduct the Borough's annual financial audit for the fiscal years ending 2018, 2019 and 2020, seconded by Mr. Griffin. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Consider appointing a Council representative to serve as liaison to the Trustees of Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc.

Mr. Peters explained the role and responsibilities of the liaison position to the Trustees of the Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc.

Ms. Flanagan made a motion to appoint Tina Sokolowski as Council liaison to the Trustees of Friends of Conshohocken Parks Inc., seconded by Ms. Barton. The motion carried 7-0.

- b.) Consider approving recommended revisions to the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance and authorizing advertisement of Ordinance No. 03-2018 Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance Amendment.

Mr. Peters read the proposed revisions to the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance.

Ms. Tutino made a motion to approve recommended revisions to the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance and to authorize advertisement of Ordinance No. 03-2018 Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance Amendment, seconded by Ms. Flanagan. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debra Stovall, 76 Poplar Street, was present seeking an update regarding the parking issue around the area of Elm Street and Poplar Street. Lieutenant George Metz reported that the Police Department has started the process of towing any abandoned vehicles. Ms. Stovall also voiced a concern about commercial property maintenance issues. Ms. Cecco confirmed that the Department of Licenses and Inspections would conduct property maintenance inspections.

George Gephardt, 131 West 12th Avenue, reported that residents who are not utilizing Sutcliffe Park are parking in the park's lot. Mr. Gephardt suggested that Council consider implementing time limit parking signs.

Anna Marie Travagline, 139 West 10th Avenue, voiced a concern about limited parking in and around the SEPTA train station. Ms. Travagline added that the abundance of time limit parking signs also made parking difficult in that area. Mr. Peters responded that Borough Administration is working with SEPTA to potentially increase parking and accommodate residents utilizing public transportation in the future.

Mayor Aronson invited Council to participate in the Philadelphia Phoenix Ultimate Frisbee pre-game festivities on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the A-field.

Mr. Stokley acknowledged the success of the Little League Opening Day parade and festivities and mentioned the increasing number of young children in the Borough. He also announced that the Ward 6 Polling Location has been temporarily relocated to the first floor lobby of Borough Hall.

Ms. Barton also spoke about the Little League Opening Day, mentioning the increasing number of young families and children in the Borough.

Ms. Sokolowski inquired about the rain date for the EAC Trail Cleanup. Mayor Aronson replied that the event has been changed to a street cleanup and is rescheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Ms. Flanagan inquired about the Conshohocken Arts Festival and Car Show. Mayor Aronson shared that the event is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Mary Wood Park complex and the surrounding streets. He added that more details would be provided in May.

Mr. Griffin asked Mr. Sokolowski, the Director of Public Services and Licenses & Inspections, to issue warnings and/or citations to residents and business owners who leave their trash and recycling at the curb outside of designated times.

Ms. Leonard acknowledged her fellow Council Members for making Borough parks a priority and meeting the needs of the increasing number of young children and families within the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Cecco,
Borough Secretary