

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2019**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session July 17, 2019 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague and Thomas. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilors McGlone and Feldman did not attend.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending June 30, 2019 – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending June 30, 2019, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (June 5, 2019) - Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 3-0 (Councilor Thomas abstained).

Citizens to be Heard – Colby Martin, 202 Jefferson Ave., on behalf of Main Street Association, reminded everyone Summer Jam is Saturday, July 20 in Kerr Park from 5-9 p.m.

Deferred Business

Conditional Use Hearing Continued – Applicant/Anthony Ricci Estate (38 ½ W. Lancaster Ave.) – Solicitor O'Keefe opened the continued Conditional Use Hearing and provided an overview of the previous hearing. After additional testimony and discussion Solicitor O'Keefe closed the hearing.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to grant the Applicant's request for a 50% reduction in parking with the understanding that the commercial units will only be open until 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, residential units will be issued permit parking. Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

(Note: A transcript of the public hearing will be available for review at the Borough Administration office.)

Conditional Use Hearing Continued – Applicant/44 Central Ave., LLC (112 Washington Ave.) - Solicitor O'Keefe opened the continued Conditional Use Hearing and provided an overview of the previous hearing and stated the reason why a "special hearing" could not happen was due to the Advertising requirements under the MPC. After additional testimony and discussion Solicitor O'Keefe closed the hearing.

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the fee in lieu of parking for 13 spaces, contingent upon 112 Washington Ave residents not being permitted to park on Washington Ave., the Applicant is required to secure 12 parking spaces at the Jefferson Ave. lot on an annual basis, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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New Business

Open Burning - Mr. Sullins reported there is a need to revise the current open burning ordinance which is too vague. The Borough has been receiving numerous complaints regarding residents burning in the Borough. Chief Holland stated that the current ordinance refers to a specific section of the Borough Code for clarification, which in turn, refers back to the original section. Sample ordinances have been submitted to the Codes Department for review. President Gazzerro requested a revised ordinance be drafted and provided to Council for review.

Councilor McGlone Resignation - Councilor Dague made a motion to accept Councilor McGlone's resignation effective July 17, 2019, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Fall Fest/September 29, 2019 (Beer Garden) - Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the Fall Fest Beer Garden on September 29, 2019, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

United Sports Training Center (Johnsontown Park) - Upgrades will be completed to the Johnsontown Park fields by the group who will be utilizing the fields for their use. This is the same process which has occurred in the past

Resolution 2019-06, 310 William St. Plan Approval - Chris and Kelly Brenenborg presented their plan to sub-divide their lot and build two twins. The homes will be similar to those located at 321-323 Lincoln Ave., except for the elevation. Matt Bush, Borough Engineer, reported the Planning Commission reviewed the plans and submitted a recommendation to approve the plans, including specific waivers requested. After discussion, Council requested a rendering of the proposed homes to review prior to voting on plan approval. Action on Resolution 2019-06 was tabled until August 7, 2019.

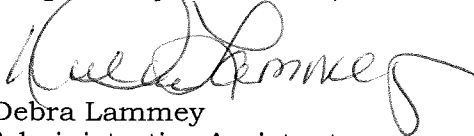
Mayor & Council Updates - Councilor Dague reminded everyone the Links for the Library Golf Outing will be held July 29th at 12:30 p.m.

Next Council meeting will be held on August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


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