



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Council Agenda Meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, please rise for a moment of silence and our Pledge of Allegiance.

Virginia Cyphers took roll call.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Debbie Smith, President
Danielle Larison, Vice President
Justin Bowers
Corryn Kronnagel
Eileen Dreisbach
David Nay
Ted Parker
Michael Yager

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Michael Levin, Solicitor
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Elora Das and Kevin Selger from Gilmore & Associates, the Borough Engineer, gave a presentation which included concept plans for Patriots Park at Historic Summerseat.

Council took a short recess so the public could view the concept plans for Patriots Park at Historic Summerseat.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Kathy Panzitta – *401 Hillcrest Avenue*
She asked about the curb and sidewalk letters that went out, she wanted to know if the letters were going out in a series. She stated that she went to file a right to know request at the office last year and was told that there is no such document of a list for the letters that went out.
2. Hussam Jallad – *45 Ridge Avenue*
He talked about the short term rental ordinance, he feels it's a good idea, but feels it should be restricted to certain districts. He feels they shouldn't be allowed in the R1 District.

There being that no one else wished to speak, public comment portion was closed.

ACTION ITEMS

On behalf of the Vacant Property Committee, Mr. Yager explained the next process for the blighted properties at 50 Union Street and 179 N. Delmorr Avenue.

Discussion ensued regarding approving and executing the Site Development Agreement between Morrisville Borough and Britton Industries.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion to approve the Recreation Advisory Board holding a Morrisville Music Festival in Williamson Park on Saturday, 10/19/19.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion to approve the advertising for the short term lodging facilities ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding having the DCED conduct a free third-party independent study of the Police Department.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent canal cleanup and the possibility of trash barriers being put up on commercial properties to help contain the trash from blowing all over town.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Smith stated that the MEAC will have the Riverfront cleanup on April 28th, from 10:00-12:00 at Delaware and Philadelphia with the rain date the following day. The Graystone's cleanup is May 4th from 10:00-12:00 at Crown Street with the rain date the following day.

Mr. Yager stated that April 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Williamson Park, Morrisville Borough and the Morrisville-Yardley Rotary Club will have their Annual Egg Hunt.

Ms. Kronnagel stated that the Business Outreach Committee is hosting a tour of the former Wells Fargo Morrisville Bank building on Bridge Street and Pennsylvania Avenue this coming Monday, April 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Smith stated that the Borough received a grant for the Walk Works Program and we are trying to develop a strategy for improving pedestrian and bicycle routes and creating community based walking programs.

Mr. Nay stated that he wanted to thank everybody who came out for the canal clean up. They did an outstanding job. Josh Gradwoll, one of the canal tenders came out the day before to clean up the hill by 111 Bridge Street where we had so many issues. Also a special mention to the Trofe Family, they came down in canoes and removed brush and branches. He contacted the DCNR and the Friends of the Delaware Canal about putting in a containment boom around the storm drains.

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Later and Ron McDaniels, they stopped by to check out the bathrooms at the time they were meeting to do the canal. They make sure that the bathrooms are locked down in the evening. She stated that a canal tender was contacted by DCNR and heard they were going to take down the large tree in the canal.

Mr. Nay stated that Toll Brothers has committed to purchasing the wood for the little red bridge.

Ms. Larison stated that the Beautification Committee will be working at the Robert Morris Plaza on Saturday for weeding, planting and mulching. If anyone wants to come out and join us we will begin at 11:00. We will also be doing a little spot at Williamson Park in front of the stage area to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt next week. She stated that the Tot Lot is near completion, they are just waiting for an inspection. She wanted feedback on maybe doing a small ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new tot lot.

A decision was made to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Tot Lot on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Mitchell stated that Congressman Fitzpatrick was kind enough to give us a contact at Amtrak that Mr. Later has been dealing with, regarding the retaining wall at the embankment by the bridge, South Pennsylvania Avenue, and while they won't commit to anything, they're going to look at it and at least get the trash cleaned up and see if we can get the wall repointed.

Ms. Dreisbach wanted to thank Mr. Later for reaching out to them, I know he was also talking to them about the river that we have in front of Dacey's and working with that as well. She asked Mr. Mitchell about their phone call on Friday and if he got anywhere with Ohio and Deiter. She said that they also have a large pile of truck tires which is a fire hazard as well as a breeding ground for mosquitoes and rats, so we need that taken care of. She stated that a resident contacted her about the large

potholes and gullies in the alley between Morris and Lafayette and behind the Penn Tavern is like a river. She would appreciate it if the Borough could drop some stone.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach and seconded by Mr. Yager.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.