



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, December 10, 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 remember the victims of the massive shooting today in Jersey City, NJ. You've all seen it in the news, it's horrific, a police officer was killed, one is in the hospital. I believe six innocent bystanders were also injured in that so please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We'll have a moment of silence for them and then our Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Mitchell took roll call.

Those in Attendance:

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

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Randy Flager, Solicitor
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

Not In Attendance: Dave Rivella, Mayor
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary

Ms. Smith stated, tonight we had a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. by the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority and the Executive Director Jeff Darwak is still here to answer any questions because we will be voting on it.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Darwak, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority spoke about the Public Hearing earlier for the Morrisville Town Center Redevelopment Area Plan amendment and proposal.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

Mr. Mitchell stated, we will have a new Junior Councilperson joining us at our next meeting.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, her name is Victoria Sullivan.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Smith reviewed the action items on the agenda.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Motion 9E (Motion to adopt an Ordinance amending certain C-1 District provisions of the Zoning Ordinance per the recommendations of the Morrisville Borough Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission) was on your agenda last month, you did approve this. What we are bringing to you are minor revisions, it's a part II of basically what you've already

approved, three very minor revisions that have also been approved by our Planning Commission, the County Planning Commission and now they're ready for your approval and they were distributed to Council previously.

Discussion ensued regarding Motion 9F, a Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing a grant application to the PA Small Water and Sewer Program through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for \$122,007.95, towards the improvement of the Melvin Avenue Basin and to authorize the appropriate Borough officials to execute the necessary documents.

Discussion ensued regarding Motion 9G, a Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing a grant application to the Growing Greener Plus Grants Program through the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the appropriate Borough officials to execute the necessary documents.

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming appointments to various Boards and letters of interest that were received.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Smith stated, it's been mentioned by a few people about doing something for Jim Gafgen that recently passed away. Jim Gafgen of course everyone knows has done our statue downtown. He was a renowned sculpture that lived here all his life in Morrisville and he was on the Board of Summerseat for many years. He contributed a lot there and to the grounds around there besides all the many boards and organizations, he was with other communities, and he was someone that we all would like to remember so it had been brought up about maybe doing a dedication or something in town for him, so I spoke with Scott and I mentioned it to a couple Councilmembers, but I'll mention it tonight that I think one of the nice areas that might be a good place to do that for Jim would be in Patriots Park because he was so connected to Summerseat and so connected to that park area and I had a chance to speak with him this past summer before he passed away and he was absolutely thrilled with that park. He loved it, he loved what was happening there and I think it would be

a fitting place to give him a memorial somewhere there for him. The Council can decide what that will be, there will be walkways put in there and benches put in there, new tree lines put in there, but it was mentioned maybe do some kind of a special bench for him. Scott had mentioned one that was done that he had ordered for his father, a marble one which was kind of neat, but maybe have a seating area that can have a plaque somewhere for him. In part of the park plan, there were some statues, small statues, historical ones that were going to be put there. One was going to be George Washington, one was Barclay and it would be nice to do one miniature one of Robert Morris and put that somewhere where a bench would be for Jim, if it's something that the Council would consider, I think that would be a good idea. If someone has another idea for him, but I think that would be a great place to do it. Like I said, as the park moves along, it's going to take a little bit of time. Right now, we were thrilled the weather was good enough that they could break ground on the sidewalks, so that's been in the works doing the other three sides. It looks really good. At this point, it's going to be the interior of the park with the next phase to get done, but in those plans it would be nice if Council considered where that seating area would be for Jim and I'm sure that his beloved wife Doris and his family and his friends and all of us would be thrilled to be able to see something memorialized for him in that area. Jim would be glad.

Mr. Nay stated, if I may just to follow up on the red bridge, I think we'll have that completed this weekend, the wood portion of it. I have an email out to Kurt Schroeder our engineer about it. I also would mention since you mentioned Patriots Park, NJS, they were the contractor for the sidewalks and curbs over there, I believe they've also generously agreed to donate up to ten yards of concrete for us out on that project for ramps on the approaches to the bridge and everything so that was very nice of them. I also wanted to mention that there is some of the wood on the bridge that is still drying and I mean that internally because it's fresh-cut so if you see some wood that's natural color, the only thing that's going to remain natural is the deck, everything else will be painted red as it was and restored. We did raise the deck height, the railing height to 54" to accommodate mountain bikes so it's a little higher than what you're used to, I think code calls for 48" above deck for pedestrian and 54" for mountain bikes, so we went up to the mountain bike level and I think the MVP player on this bridge

construction is Josh Gradwohl, he is also a canal tender, he's put in countless hours and he's really quite skilled. If you get a chance to look at the new upright posts, he went to the trouble to bevel the tops of the posts so he put in extra effort but this is definitely a 50 year bridge, so I'm very pleased with how that's going and I just want to update everybody on that.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Yager.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.