



6:00 Executive Session – Police Personnel, Police Union Contract Negotiations and two grievances filed by the Morrisville Borough Police Association.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, we are going to have a moment of silence for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people and all those that have been lost and continue to perish every day as a result of a senseless war. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ted Parker asked for roll call.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President
Bob Paul, Vice President
Helen Hlahol
Andrew Lubin
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Scott Robinson
Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
Brud Anderson, Mayor
Scott Holbert, Solicitor
Micah Heitz, Finance Director (via phone)
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary (via phone)

Not in Attendance: Victor Cicero

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Donna Wilson – *24 E. Post Road*

She stated, I should have been here in January things have happened in my family that kind of held me from that but I wanted to make sure I got here to talk about the Winterfest parade from last year. The Morrisville Winterfest Parade Committee would like to thank Steve Bivens of Hot Rides for sponsoring our parade again this year. He's the person who brings the money together so that we can pay our Police Department to keep everybody that's in our parade protected. Chief McClay has all the corners blocked off and makes sure that we're all safe. Thank you to the Morrisville Police Department as well as the Morrisville Fire Company who lead our parade and keep us safe. We want to congratulate Holy Trinity Church for winning the float competition and the \$150 prize. The groups that entered the float competition were Solid Rock Youth Center, Campus Fellowship Baptist Church, Bitchin' Kitten Brewery and Kathy Panzitta and the Flakes. We had several car clubs who joined us this year including British Car Club of Bucks County and Mised Car Club. Suzanne of the Italian Bee was kind enough to provide the transportation for our Winterfest Court. Our Court was as you guys know because most of you were here, Little Miss Winterfest Melania Noelle Simmers, Junior Miss Winterfest Sophie Loeffler, Miss Winterfest Zoe Williams and Junior Mr. Winterfest was Jason Zelonka. As always, the Morrisville High School Marching Band, under the direction of Erica Norris, impressed us with their skills. Also joining the Parade where PA State Representative Perry Warren, District Justice Corryn Kronnagel, ex-Mayor Rivella, new Mayor Elect Brud Anderson at the time and Miss Pennsylvania Eva Kastner-Puschl. Erica Foraker of Keller Williams Real Estate did something new for us this year she was at our lineup she brought hot chocolate and coffee to the parade participants everybody kept warm and it was really a really nice addition to have it and we do appreciate it. I want to thank everyone that participated in the parade this year you make the difference. A special thank you goes out to Brud and Jill Anderson for providing the Mummer All-stars to march in the Parade,

also ex-Councilman Justin Bowers who made a very nice donation to the parade as well. Of course we can't forget Santa for taking his time out of his busy schedule to participate in the Parade. Mayor Anderson has offered his assistance with this year's parade that's going to be Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 and he and I are going to work together I know he's got a lot of contacts, we're going to grow our parade, we're going to make it even better. Chief McClay said it was the best parade he has watched this year so far. The Winterfest Parade is always a great way to welcome holidays to our town, the smiles on the faces of the children that line the streets are wonderful to see. I truly enjoyed putting the 2021 parade together and I am really looking forward to this year's parade. Thank you.

2. Mary Hrenda – *343 Crown Street*

She stated, I'm going to comment on Williamson Park. Mr. Flager has stated that the Morrisville Borough Council cannot vote to preserve Williamson Park as a park. However, Morrisville Borough Council can vote to preserve Williamson Park there is no law that prohibits such a vote. Throughout the County and the Commonwealth, local governments have preserved land as open space Title 32 Pennsylvania statute section 5005 C1 empowers local governments to acquire land for enjoyment as a public park and for limiting the park to such use. Section 5001 discusses the importance of open space. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has multiple information resources on how to protect and preserve parkland for public enjoyment and we are simply encouraging the Borough to do what so many local governments have done throughout this County and that is to preserve Williamson Park as a public park for our community. Thank you.

3. Eva Kastner-Puschl – *85 Central Avenue*

She stated, I would like to continue what Ms. Hrenda had started so Mr. Flager has also stated that Morrisville Borough does not own the development rights to this property in Williamson Park and that the Borough does not have the legal interest nor authority to bind the land's use after the expiration of the lease agreement. However, the Deed of Trust gave about 11 acres of parkland to the First Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church now the Turning Point Methodist Church and First Baptist Church all located in Trenton. The Deed of

Trust requires that the land must always be used as a park and that the Churches are trustees of their land, far from binding the Church's use of their parkland Council's vote to preserve Williamson Park would make it consistent with the Church's land and ensure that Williamson Park is preserved as required by the Donated and Dedicated Property Act and open for all to enjoy as a park. Thank you very much.

4. Dina Tanzillo – *136 N. Pennsylvania Avenue*

She stated, I'm going to continue, Mr. Flager has also stated that the Select Morrisville LLC, previously constituted will cease to exist in the near future. Since Council no longer expects Select Morrisville to move forward with their project what is the purpose of last month's motion 8G? To say Morrisville Borough Council has withdrawn its support for the proposed development project involving Williamson Park it's a meaningless statement since supposedly support is being withdrawn for a project that does not exist. Council has not said that they will save Williamson Park because the door is left wide open to any other developer even Select Morrisville to submit a slightly altered development proposal. The statement that this motion has effectively overturned its prior motion made in December of 2020 is disingenuous because it does not overturn that motion. Motion 9J from December 2020 is still in effect therefore the RDA can find another developer. To save Williamson Park it is necessary that Council undo the actions that the RDA believes would permit the development of Williamson Park. Stating that the Council does not support Morrisville Select's project that they reportedly gave up on is inadequate. Do not tell us what you do not support, please show us what you will do to save the park. Thank you.

5. Elizabeth Lester-Abdalla – *1328 Polo Run Drive*

She stated, I know it's been said many times at the Council meetings that the continued inclusion of Williamson Park in the Certified Redevelopment Area is a benefit to Morrisville Borough and Williamson Park because it will open additional opportunities for the Borough to seek grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program for park beautification projects and improvements to park amenities, but this is not true. The RDA's Certified Redevelopment Area does not provide the Borough or the RDA any additional opportunities for the Borough to seek grant funding. The Community Development

Block Grant monies were used in the past for the tot lot equipment in Williamson Park well before a Redevelopment area was even considered back in 2018. Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource Grants where the bulk of park improvement funds would be secured are scored and do not use RDA Redevelopment Areas as a criterion this has been confirmed by the DCNR. The RDA has not provided grants designed to improve public park lands, which is also confirmed by the RDA at the Planning Commission meeting presentation on October 11, 2021. The PA EDC Grant the Greenways Parks and Trails was obtained for Patriots Park which is not in an RDA Redevelopment Area. Park improvement grants will view a preserve park favorably knowing that money is not wasted on projects that will be discarded if commercial development beckons. Land that is set up for commercial development will be at a severe disadvantage for improvement funds, therefore the RDA is not necessary to secure additional funding for Williamson Park and should be removed from the park. Thanks so much.

6. Deb Freedman – *751 Gordon Drive*

She stated, continuing, Mr. Flager has stated that the Borough's actions were purely the result of legislative decisions and that the Orphans Court does not have the authority to overrule a purely legislative policy decision. Mr. Flager has also stated that under the Urban Redevelopment Law the RDA does not have the power to take property in the Borough for private development without the Borough's approval. However, the Borough does not have the authority to nullify the authority of the Orphans Court by designating the park as a Certified Redevelopment Area. The Borough's actions in doing so were not strictly legislative policy decisions they were actions that seek to bypass the DDPA. Orphans Court is where that decision must be made. The decisions to invite the RDA to assist the submission of Select Morrisville's Development Plan and to expand the Borough's Certified Redevelopment area using the RDA's blight report is a pre-meditated plan developed by Select Morrisville and the RDA to provide ownership interest of Williamson Park by the RDA. Select Morrisville needed the RDA to have ownership interest so the RDA could submit Select Morrisville's Development Plan application to the Borough Planning Commission. This premeditated plan was told to Council by Select Morrisville's

attorney John Van Luvanee at Council's November 16, 2020 meeting when he stated how Select Morrisville intended to acquire land. At this meeting Mr. Van Luvanee stated and I quote “We also need to talk to Council about having properties that are owned by the Borough transferred for purposes of the incorporation into this project into the Redevelopment Authority. Theoretically, I cannot make application for a land development plan approval unless I have an ownership interest or in this case it will probably ultimately be the RDA making the application”. Thank you.

7. Don Rice – *343 Crown Street*

He stated, to continue after Mr. Van Luvanee's presentation Council then voted December 20th, 2020 to allow the RDA to assist Select Morrisville's application with the result being the Blight Report. The Council voted on November 30th, 2021 to approve the Blight Report and extended Morrisville's Certified Redevelopment Area gave the extension of the Certified Redevelopment Area gave the RDA ownership interest in Williamson Park. They now today have ownership interest in Williamson Park. The RDA does not own Williamson Park but they do have ownership interest, the difference is important. Consequently, the Urban Redevelopment Law allows the RDA to transfer the park to a developer after approval of a Development Plan Application. RDA ownership of the park is not an issue. RDA's ownership interest in the park used to transfer park property to a developer is the issue. Save Williamson Park cannot allow the RDA to maintain their ownership interest in the park, that's an invitation to develop the park. Mr. Flager has also stated that “we cannot recommend nor does our client, the Borough, believe it is appropriate to agree to settlement terms, those terms cannot be awarded as relief by the Orphans Court sitting in an equity jurisdiction pursuant to the Donated and Dedicated Property these terms do not concern the alienation of public property so they are not an issue before the court”. Council members we're not asking you to be a surrogate for the Orphans Court, we are asking you to uphold the law and do the right thing. There are conflicting legal opinions on the Borough's responsibility in preserving the park. The Borough would be wise to seek a special counsel for this issue. In addition, our attorney Samuel Stratton has offered to speak with Council publicly or in executive session. Thank you.

8. Deborah Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Avenue*

She stated, to finish what several have said before me finally, Mr. Flager has stated that he expects the legal action to cease now that Morrisville Borough Council has withdrawn all support for Select Morrisville's proposed development. However, Save Williamson Park will discontinue action when Borough Council has done what the residents of Morrisville have told them what they want done, save the park, rescind the Motion 9J and rescind the motion to expand the Certified Redevelopment Area to remove the un-blighted park from the Certified Redevelopment Area. Please we do not want to go to court. Ask your Solicitor what is the law that prevents you from passing a resolution to recognize that Williamson Park is donated and dedicated, is an actively used park and is therefore covered by the Donated and Dedicated Property Act. Ask your Solicitor why an approval of the RDA Self-Serving Blight Report and inclusion of Williamson Park in the expanded redevelopment area cannot be overturned by a Council that supports saving Williamson Park. Save our park and we promise to help you make it a better park. To that end, the Borough is receiving a total of \$842,000 from the American Rescue Plan and it currently has \$400,000 that it can use right now. That is not money to be used for cleaning up past budget mistakes or considered as reliable income, it is once in a blue moon money that needs to be used for addressing the negative impacts of the past two years. Our parks have suffered through the years and definitely the parks were hit hard by the pandemic we never had much money but the parks maintenance has always been the item for the first and the deepest cuts but parks and our other environmental resources are vital infrastructure, without quality open space we will continue to stagnate. Parks are the venues for a wide variety of activities that make a vibrant town. History, arts, culture, entertainment and nature are experienced in these settings so are sports, community gatherings and just hanging around in a green space. We have an incredible opportunity in Morrisville right now, we have match money in the bank surely we can spend a small fraction of this windfall on matches for grants to transform our town. The final rule has been issued and it is clear that park improvement is an eligible category. DCNR which would be a major source of grants is encouraging municipalities to use American Rescue Plan dollars for park improvements. Don't keep waiting for a developer to save Morrisville, let's start with what we own and create an inviting

and interesting community. We have the means to start so let's get on with it.

9. *Consuelo Del Palacio – 139 Delaware Avenue*

She stated, good evening everyone. I'm here to talk about the Earth Day Celebration that we've organized for the past five years. Let me give you a little bit of context about this event. April 22nd is International Earth Day. This year marks the 52nd Anniversary of Earth Day and millions of people are mobilized for environment from grassroots voices to leaders to the world's attentions is undefined for the earth on Earth Day. Today Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes. Kalpulli Tlahuiztilli or Hummingbirds of the Earth dance crew has been celebrating Earth Day in Morrisville since 2017 by honoring Mother Earth with a Mexika Dance Circle full of dancing, drumming, offerings, prayers and planting a tree at the open space area. We are a non-profit organization or group committed to continue our ancestors' legacy of honoring nature. We are a group of Native American Mexican dancers living and dancing in Morrisville Pennsylvania and we like sharing these teachings and events with our community here in Morrisville. We meant for this event to be open to the public anyone can come and watch, anyone can come if and even enter the circle if they want to with a respect and asking permission from the people that are leading the circle. Back in 2017 we approached the EAC and we asked if we could plant a tree and celebrate Earth Day and we have been doing that ever since. We approached the MEAC to make sure that we planted the right tree in the right place and that we knew how to take care of it. We are committed to continue to donate and planting these trees every year if you guys permit it to us. Earth Day celebration in Morrisville this year will be on Saturday, it's always on this closest Saturday to Earth Day, so this year in 2022 the celebration will be April 23rd. I am here because for the first time we face fees and insurance requirements to be able to organize this event at the open space area located at the corner of Delmorr Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue. As I said, we are a non-profit group and we do not have the funds to cover those costs. We already have expenses since we're hosting the dancers that join on that day so we provide food, water and in some cases accommodations. So what I'm

asking here is for help with those fees and so we can continue this public event for Morrisville. Thank you.

Mr. Robinson stated, I have two questions real quick. Is this the same group that performs at the Labor Day Picnic?

Ms. Del Palacio replied, we've done Labor Day we've done National Night Out, so we're open to continue working in Morrisville to just showcase what we do.

Mr. Robinson stated, it's one of the action items tonight but probably the biggest the most important thing on it is missing from the action item, what time does it start?

Ms. Del Palacio replied, it starts at 11 a.m.

Mr. Robinson stated, just a comment if anyone hasn't seen them perform be there at 11:00 and check it out they are fantastic they really are.

Ms. Del Palacio replied, we go for about three hours, four hours, we'll be there for a while. Thank you.

10. Jim O'Brien – *1000 University Drive, Yardley*

He stated, before I begin if I could request that we have a second moment of silence our Morrisville family lost two members, two parents of current players this past week. One whose son actually stood here earlier last year in defense of Williamson Park and Morrisville Little League and if I could request just a second, I would appreciate that.

Mr. Parker replied, we can do that.

Mr. O'Brien stated, thank you. I come to you tonight to address three things. One, I want to just clarify a few facts that are being confused out in the public sphere and second, to reiterate my commitment to Morrisville and this community and our League's commitment to this community and third to request your approval for our parade and opening day events on April 2nd. First in clarifying, I became president of Morrisville Little League in October 2019. My intention at that point was to focus on improving baseball and softball for all the kids in the

community. It has been anything but, we were met with COVID in March of 2020, we were forced to first delay our season. I communicated very regularly with Borough Council and the Borough Manager at that time Scott Mitchell giving status updates throughout. During those conversations we discussed the possibility of eliminating or reducing the fees based on what season we would end up having and again regular communication all the way through. Later that year we were able to have a season it was an abbreviated season but a successful one, the families that were able to get out it was really for many the first time they had a chance to get outside after COVID isolation and so it was really well received and thank you for your support in getting that up and running. Later that year in September I spoke with Scott again we agreed on having elimination of fees in 2020 for that year and then we were going to work in the following year with revisions of the MOU to make sure we put that into writing. In October 2020 we were asked to fill out some paperwork that we needed that was due I can say that I was preparing to pull that stuff together when the announcement of the development came forward and that turned our attention very much clearly to the development and the possibility of Morrisville Little League being bulldozed and our concerns about that. We continued to stay in contact with Scott until his tragic passing in February of that year and continue to stay in touch with Council. In May of 2021 President Parker established a committee of three to work with me and my Board Members to reestablish the MOU and to define our terms going forward, again all in the effort to try to make sure we were working together in a productive way for partnership. Those conversations went well, in August we received a proposal from the Borough with revisions. In October of that year we responded back with revisions and were negotiating that through. At that point I offered to make a good faith payment to the Borough of \$3,500 for 2021 fees just to make sure that they knew we were not trying to skip out on our responsibilities we wanted to be a part of this community and pay our due as needed. In February this past year or in the interim the Council advised to wait until the next elected officials were seated before picking up the MOU negotiations again, I honored that request and in February this year I reached out again in an effort to try to finalize the negotiations of that. I've been directed to work with the Borough Manager Judith Danko, I appreciate all your responsiveness and your communications thus far it's

been very helpful. Again I'm here tonight to focus on making sure that we show our commitment to the community, that we demonstrate that we're going to live up to our responsibilities and we're just simply asking to be good participants, good stewards of the League as we can. Lastly, I mentioned that April 2nd is our opening day and we would love your approval for our parade. It's the first time in the last two years we've been able to do a parade because of COVID. The kids are really excited about it, we'd love to see them get back out there. This is the first time we're able to get to a fully normal season I'm very optimistic about it and return of normalcy is something that this community needs more than anything. Thank you very much for your time, I appreciate your consideration.

There being no further public comment, President Ted Parker moved to the business portion of the agenda.

Mr. Holbert stated, prior to tonight's meeting at 6:00 p.m. Morrisville Borough Council met in Executive Session to discuss issues involving Police Personnel, Police Union Contract Negotiations and two grievances filed by the Morrisville Borough Police Association. You'll see on the agenda it also discusses litigation, we did not talk about anything involved in litigation as we did not have time. Thank you.

MINUTES

Motion 5A - Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 6B - Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Brud Anderson – He stated, just a couple quick things I want to try to be mindful of everybody's time. I did perform my first wedding here in Morrisville this past month so I just want to congratulate that couple and say thank you it was quite an honor. Just a brief note we had that wedding over at the courthouse and someone made a comment that day that I just thought was very nice I thought it was real nice to see such a great happy moment and people having so much joy right there in that building especially with so many people not being able to get together for this kind of thing over the last couple years so thank you again to them they are a great couple they've been together a long time, raised each other's children and now they're ready to take care of themselves so it's an honor thank you very much. Also in February I had the honor of swearing in a Police Officer so thank you to everyone who made that possible and hopefully we'll see a lot more of that in the next upcoming months. Over at the Library they have an ongoing book sale I think this is important it's \$3.00 a bag. Bring your own bag, books, DVDs, audio books, the sale goes on until the end of April, it's a good way to help the Library and a good way to keep these things in circulation and also they're preparing for some suburb programs for the kids and they're asking for any gift cards, small gift card donations that they could use as prizes for those things. Something else that I think is pretty cool they have an ongoing seed sharing program that's sponsored by the County and they have lots of gardening information, you can pick up your seeds drop off your seeds, I saw a picture of the display today and it was actually pretty impressive so that's another thing to stop by and check out or if you need information on any of those things just call the Library for some more info. Real quick our local fire department is having their Annual Easter Flower Sale on April 15th through the 17th so that's a nice

tradition here again getting outside and planting some flowers. Just one last thing I want to mention the Senior Center is doing a car show on April 9th I think it's important to mention that all the proceeds will be going to the Senior Center so it's \$20 if you want to show your car which is nothing, free to show up and watch, car shows are always fun so I hope you guys can get out and enjoy that. As always thank you to everybody who showed up and tuned in tonight I really appreciate your time and concern.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I just want to add to his thing I was at the Library yesterday for the seed program and they have tons of seeds and a very large selection so if anyone wants to get out there they should.

Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay – He stated, tonight I'm happy to bring Mitchell August to be sworn in and to be approved by Council. Mitch is a five-year veteran he worked with Delaware County he worked in Montgomery County. I was happy to get someone with five years experience, it'll mean a lot to the department. Right now it looks like within the next two weeks I'll be losing two more of my part-time officers, which is a compliment to the department but it's also a drain. I've lost this will be four part-time officers leaving for full-time in other departments within the last month and there's a reason why because they're trained so well and they know what they're doing they can walk in. With that said, I'm trying to aggressively hire other officers. I'm going to have to start bringing in actually guys from the academy with no experience and we're going to have to make that work, without the part-timers it's a struggle. I know we're going to schedule a sit down to talk about things and we need to do that but in the meantime tonight I'm happy that Mitchell will be sworn in. Thank you.

Manager's Report – Judith Danko – She stated, everyone has the Manager's Report before you. Do you have any questions for the month of March?

Ms. Hlahol asked, Barry Isett, when are they actually starting?

Ms. Danko replied, Barry Isett started last Tuesday and they're in full force as we speak now.

Ms. Hlahol asked, is code -- like keystone was only here in the mornings are they here all day or same hours for the for the public's knowledge?

Ms. Danko replied, currently they have been on an as-needed work basis because what we're trying to do is put together an as needed work basis program along with some set hours so they've actually been here pretty much every day this week but we're not going to follow through on something of that nature we're going to have so many hours during the week and then we're also going to have a work as needed program so it will be a little different than before but we'll be providing some hours at one point once we have everything organized.

Mr. Parker asked, any other questions?

Ms. Danko stated, I just wanted everybody to know that we were working on the Bridge Street Project with PennDOT the drawings were approved, the bid documents I have on my notations that they were being prepared but they've already been approved since our meeting and that remnant over there both of those, that is the Bridge Street Project. The Borough is actually sponsoring this program through PennDOT, we look forward to sponsoring it. It will be a great addition to the Borough so I see construction starting very soon this year possibly July. We also have Pennsylvania Avenue over the Delaware Canal Bridge Project, the minutes were provided to Council. We also had a meeting today regarding safety and detour issues and so forth and Borough Council members attended also along with the Public Works Department and the Police Chief. We're working towards wonderful things towards that also, that won't take place for another 18 months at least though, but it's a wonderful project. We also have a resolution that all of you have before you this evening it's appointing delegates and alternates to the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee, discussion will be needed amongst the Council and the Council President regarding who would be the delegates and so forth, so we'll have to have answers on that for next month's meeting and we'll put it on the agenda for approval so if everyone can please look that

over, I would like to be the voting delegate if Council is amenable to that I've been that in other municipalities that I've worked at. Our 2021 DCED Borough Audit is underway. We have Police Union Negotiations continuing. We're working with the Morrisville Little League, their payment and process is underway. Just to inform Council so you have that information tonight for your vote, I just received an email at 5:50 p.m. by Mr. O'Brien we had originally requested the fees for 2020 and 2021 which would have been \$7,000 a year. To date now what we've received this evening is \$3,500 for 2021 we did not receive anything for 2020 and we received the \$7,000 for 2022. So at this time in our emails it had stated that I had no record of anything from prior time so we were requesting the \$7,000 for 2020 and 2021 but this is just informational to Council for your vote this evening. I did also receive several years of certificate of insurances at this time. We're still awaiting the rest of the paperwork.

Ms. Sherlock stated, so the vote this evening I think it's to include all the paperwork that we need including rosters and so forth and we've been pretty firm about not voting yes if these aren't in place. So you're saying we don't have the roster?

Ms. Danko replied, no we don't, Mr. O'Brien had said that he would be getting that to us shortly.

Ms. Sherlock asked, do you know what shortly is?

Mr. O'Brien (inaudible)

Ms. Danko stated, I just want to say that the issue is that emails have been going on for several months and here we are at the 11th hour and we're still waiting for all these things. I think we have to talk about that in good faith as to the request that's constantly being put towards Council that they're put on the spot because we are waiting for these things, we've been asking for them for months and we're still sitting here in the 11th hour without them. I was with the understanding that we were going to be getting the 2020 fees, the 2021 fees this evening, I put that in at least four emails so again it's Council's decision as to how you vote this evening but all of this

information has been in several emails, it's been very clear as to what the Council's been looking for and I just would like to say that.

Ms. Hlahol asked, Jim, are you going to be providing the Borough with the 2020 and the remainder of the 2021 fees?

Mr. O'Brien (inaudible)

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay so none of that came before Council for Council to vote so if you were having conversations Council didn't approve those fees being waived. So I would assume since the Borough Manager asked for those fees and I do believe the rest of Council has asked for those fees that those fees get paid.

Mr. O'Brien (inaudible)

Ms. Hlahol stated, I don't really get what your good faith effort is, I mean there are fees that are due, the fee schedule was put out and you're only giving us half of one year and I know both for 2020 and 2021 the kids were down there playing, so you were using the fields and I do know that you also, I don't know if you sublet the fields but there was another group other than Little League playing on those fields and at some point Morrisville Borough residents are paying for those fields.

Mr. O'Brien (inaudible)

Ms. Danko stated, if I may comment on that. It came to our attention that you had said in the past you had just asked for their certificate of insurance and you had provided them utilization of the field, I provided that email to Council what I had told you was that I didn't say that you couldn't but that they could not rent the field, I said that they had to go through the proper process which is everyone must go through the Borough office for the rental of the fields and in your email you said that you normally took care of that, you would ask for their certificate of insurance and provide them use of the field so that seems to be where the issue is with Council.

Mr. O'Brien (inaudible)

Ms. Sherlock stated, Mr. Parker if I could just comment I understand that we're requesting 2021 and of course 2022. I'm going to go back to 2020 and I don't feel that we should, I know that they used the field not completely, but if that agreement was made with Scott Mitchell and he did mention that to us in 2020. I just think that they should be exonerated from 2020 but full 2021.

Ms. Danko stated, and of course that's up to what Council as a whole. What I had proposed to Mr. O'Brien is I sent several emails for a couple months stating that if you have something in writing with the approval I would certainly abide by that. It would not be the Borough Manager's discretion to ever relieve anyone of fees. I can't do that. Mr. Mitchell couldn't have done that it would have had to go through Council that's a Council –

Mr. Parker stated, no individual Council member can either.

Ms. Danko stated, you're right and thank you President Parker. No individual Council member can do that either. So everyone had the understanding that it had to go to Council and get approved, it never got approved through council and that is the status of what I've been basing all of the information that I have on it. It was never approved and the MLL understood that, it knew that, so that's the basis we're utilizing.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I haven't looked through motions to see if we did it by motion but I know there was a discussion.

Mr. Parker stated, we didn't do a motion but there was discussion. It was brought up at the negotiations for a new MOU but it wasn't granted.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I'm saying Mr. Mitchell granted it and I know you're saying that he can't but if he did then where are we?

Ms. Hlahol asked, did he send a letter telling them I mean he can't just do it verbally.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I'd have to go back, I just remember as a group at the time it was discussed.

Ms. Hlahol stated, it was mentioned that perhaps but it was never voted on nor was it ever a consensus to do that.

Mr. Parker stated, I'm going to slowly rein this back in because this is a report and we have a motion also. If there's a consensus that we would like to waive the 2020 fees I have no problem because that had been presented because of COVID, the fact that it was a limited schedule it had been mentioned it wasn't Scott Mitchell's idea but it was just something that he had been presented with so are we okay with adding a motion?

Mr. Lubin replied, no, I'm not.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I would do a reduced fee because they did use the fields.

Ms. Sherlock stated, towards the end of the year I think they might have, yes.

Mr. Lubin stated, Helen I could support that you use the field you pay half.

Mr. Paul stated, I'm totally in favor of waiving the entire fee for 2020. At your request I led the subcommittee negotiating with Mr. O'Brien last summer you were there, we worked on the assumption that Scott had granted that waiver and I'm not comfortable taking it away frankly and I think we should honor that whether or not it was reduced in writing as it should have been, whether or not it was brought before this Council as it should have been, it wasn't but you know it was extraordinary circumstances with the pandemic and with Scott's fatal passing so I think it's only fair to waive it for 2020 and then request the entire fee for 2021 which we were in the middle of negotiating, there was a bid offer of like seven to ten, we never accepted \$3,500 as being the proper amount but I think we should go back to \$7,000 for 2021 and keep it at that going forward unless we can negotiate some other fees of mutual satisfaction. That's what I would do and I don't mean that as any way of second guessing our Borough Manager or undercutting her that she has the authority to do

this as well she should, she stepped in the middle of this mess and tried to make the best of it but I think for the for the fairness to everybody and so there are no hard feelings and that we can work together as a community going forward as both Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Danko suggest, I think we should as a matter of good faith waive 2020, charge for 2021 and going forward in full.

Mr. Parker stated, okay since we're still in reports and we veered off a lot –

Ms. Danko asked, would you like me to continue my report?

Mr. O'Brien (inaudible)

Mr. Parker replied, in all fairness that was brought up.

Ms. Danko stated, thank you as I was saying we did bring in Barry Isett & Associates the orientation took place with the Borough Staff, the Public Works Supervisor, the Police Chief and it was very successful we have a new group, Keystone is now not with us anymore and Barry Isett & Associates is. We have at least eight to ten people that we can access at any time. The Chief now will have access 24/7, if there's a Code Enforcement issue he can call them on their cell phone and they will come out at one o'clock in the morning or three o'clock in the morning. We just had a vehicle drive through a building a drunken driver, so they're very active with this situation at this time. I'm happy to say that this is in place and I look forward to working with the company and I think everyone else does and we also encourage residents to please utilize our public portal with being able to put your Code Enforcement complaints or anything of that nature in that portal. If you utilize that that will go to the proper departments and it will get looked upon and reviewed and so forth and if there's something that we can do to rectify situations this is a very good tool, it is in the phase of trying to make sure that things are going the way they should be and reporting is done and responses come back so be patient with us because it's a trial and error as we work through this but I'm hoping for a successful event with this and that we can physically accomplish taking care of a lot of these complaint issues so please utilize that portal it would be greatly appreciated. We're also creating a records room and

property files that's began. We're also trying to become digital for the future we're scanning planning and zoning plans, it's the beginning of the goal and hopefully we can get there quickly. Again, TRASIR testing is ongoing all complaints should be processed through this software. The Stockham Building cell towers was an issue at the last meeting I was asked to please put it on this agenda since I said it's so new this is an item that we will be working on and I will report back to everyone on that. That is all I have for this evening and you also have the previous Keystone Report so if anyone else has any more questions please let me know.

Ms. Sherlock stated, it was in our packet but we also received a personal letter in our packets this evening regarding the last thing listed on your report regarding Michael and Suzanne who live on Althea, the issue regarding roosters. I'm guessing that's just going to go to the Policy and Ordinance Committee.

Ms. Danko replied, no, what we're doing is I'm taking it to Barry Isett first and once we do an overview of where the situation really is I'll be bringing all of that back to Council.

Ms. Sherlock replied, okay, thank you.

Ms. Danko replied, you're welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Engelhard stated, on February 22, 2022 at 7 p.m. the Morrisville Park and Recreation Committee meeting was held. In attendance was myself, Councilman Andrew Lubin, Councilman Bob Paul, Councilwoman Nancy Sherlock and Borough Manager Judith Danko, and resident Debbie Colgan was in attendance. Our first order of business was to elect a Chairperson and the Secretary, myself was elected as the Chairperson and Nancy Sherlock was elected as Secretary. The first kind of order of business was to talk about the name of the organization, it's been called Open Spaces Parks and Recreation, it's been called many names from my understanding so we voted to change the name to Parks and Recreation Committee so that's how it will be

known here on out. Judith spoke about the financial situation and the process of renting spaces and how we need to follow processes and that all requests and correspondence needs to come through the Borough Manager and we need to charge for these services. I also wanted to state what our purpose was and so my vision would be and we're still working on the vision, it will be a part of the committee is to see how we can utilize our parks in the community in order to benefit the residents and the Business community. Debby Colgan stated that she believes we need to keep the connection of all of our parks and take the time to care for them. Bob Paul asked to speak about the Little League situation the small committee that was in discussion with MLL has now dissolved and will be handled by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Borough Manager. Then we discussed Manor Park Playground and the grant that was applied for last year, Judith explained that we don't have the money for the match or any other grants at this time. Discussion ensued regarding the request from the group that would like to have the Earth Day Celebration in the open space south of the Dog Park. Debby asked about the Dog Park and if they would be paying fees in the future, the group that handles the Dog Park actively and are very good stewards of the park. Fees for the Dog Park were not determined at this time. Motion adjourned at 8:42 was made by Nancy and seconded by Andrew and the full detail minutes are on the website.

Ms. Danko asked, may I answer her question Council President? I did review the Dog Park Fees and we are charging fees for the park. I just wanted to clarify that.

Ms. Price Engelhard replied, thank you.

Mr. Parker asked, what kind of fees?

Ms. Danko stated, there were several events there.

Mr. Parker stated, oh events.

Ms. Sherlock stated, oh, if they have an event, yes.

Ms. Danko replied, it was an event fee, yes.

Ms. Sherlock asked, an event but not to have your dog go there?

Ms. Danko replied, no but we're talking about event fees. Yes, just strictly event fees.

Ms. Price Engelhard replied, thank you.

Ms. Danko replied, you're welcome.

Ms. Hlahol stated, if you guys could the next time you meet consider perhaps having people register their dogs before using the park because there are some residents who have told me that there were some incidences with their animals.

Ms. Sherlock replied, we actually didn't really get into it at that meeting but you're right that's been discussed before that we should have people register, come to the Borough and register. Other communities actually charge to register the Dog Parks \$35 a dog \$15 for the second dog that sort of thing.

Ms. Hlahol replied, we should look into that.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, put that on the agenda.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Judith actually started to talk about today we met with PennDOT and the Engineer regarding the Bridge Project over on Pennsylvania Avenue over the canal and as she had said they wanted to talk about safety and detours and so the detours are kind of set in stone right now and there's not a lot to do to change it. It will be somewhat of an inconvenience. I did think that possibly since it's very close to the Senior Towers that maybe they would be amenable to having a meeting there not just for their residents but maybe the whole neighborhood to talk about this, although it's not supposed to begin until summer of 2024. One good thing that came out of it is the truck detour really takes them completely around Morrisville it's the entire perimeter, it's 13 and Route 1 and it's not through any of these neighboring

towns or neighboring streets, but it will be a challenge for anybody because that road will be closed for a couple years at least that portion of the road so more to follow. I'll be in touch with the Towers and see I don't want to alarm them too soon though. The pedestrian detour takes you up from Osborne to Lafayette and then down to Bridge Street and I think they said that the pedestrian detour is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile extra.

Mr. Lubin stated, good evening everybody I'm Andrew Lubin from Finance Committee. We had our first meeting on February 23rd 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Sherlock attended, Mayor Anderson was there, Chief McClay was there, Officer Zumpano and Mrs. Danko. First part of the meeting I was nominated to be Chairman and I was voted in. Mrs. Danko then discussed since finance is so important to Morrisville the EIT. As we know but you need to know while residents will start being charged EIT come June, we the Borough won't be receiving the money from the state until beginning October so lien coffers would probably be a pretty accurate description. We'll have the full EIT money starting 2023 but that doesn't help tomorrow. We also voted to change the meeting to every three months instead of every month and we'll be recommending that to Council. Chief McClay then presented a proposal that he wants to raise salaries of the part-time police officers.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I'm sorry I don't know that -- are you allowed to talk about that?

Mr. Lubin I'm not going into details but we did discuss in the meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, it was an open meeting.

Mr. Lubin stated, thank you. The Chief wants to raise the salaries of the part-time officers because he believes he provided documentation that we need to pay higher salaries because otherwise we're losing Police Officers because other people are paying more, other towns are paying more. Discussion went on about how much and then there's an issue with workman's comp and changing and not changing the 60-hour rule which all has to be resolved so when all that is resolved we can we can officially vote on the Chief's request and pass it on to Council and then after a short time the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Parker stated, thank you, anyone else?

Mr. Paul stated, Mr. Parker I'd like to give a report on the Vacant Property Review Committee. We had our first meeting of the year on last Tuesday March 8th, and in attendance besides yours truly was our Borough Manager, Judith Danko, Jeff Darwick the Executive Director of the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority and Steve Ware of Keystone in his last day on duty. We went through the properties report that Steve had prepared. The good news is there were no new properties to be added to it. Further good news is that there were some that came off either because the properties were sold, rehabilitated or now reoccupied by their owner. There was no new business and we're going to meet again next quarter, any questions?

Mr. Parker stated, we're going to move on to action items. First order of business we have to make a motion to amend the agenda.

Add a Motion to Amend the Agenda – Motion to waive the Morrisville Little League's fees for the year of 2020.

Mr. Parker asked, can I have a motion?

Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Lubin)

Mr. Parker stated, that's going to be made at the end of the current agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 8A – Motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Victor Cicero.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8B – Motion to advertise Borough Council Ward 4 Vacancy; term expiring January 2, 2024, to be advertised on all Morrisville Borough public portals.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8C – Motion to hire Mitchell August as a part-time Police Officer.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Part-Time Police Officer Mitchell August was sworn in by Mayor Brud Anderson and Police Chief George McClay.

Motion 8D – Motion to grant or deny Morrisville Little League to conduct their Opening Day Parade and ceremonies on 4/2/2022, per the letter received on 3/9/22.

Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion to amend, made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion to amend, carried by voice vote 7-0.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion to grant Morrisville Little League to conduct Opening Day Parade and ceremonies on 4/2/2022, per the letter received on 3/9/22, contingent upon getting all paperwork by 4/1/2022.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

No further discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Lubin)

Motion 8E - Motion to approve the Borough to co-sponsor Earth Day festivities with dance crew/group iKalpulli Tlalhuitzilli which translates to Hummingbirds of the Earth. The event will take place, 4/23/22 at the open space next to the Morrisville Dog Park.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8F - Motion to appoint Barry Isett & Associates as Morrisville Borough Zoning Officer, Building Code Official, Flood Plain Manager, and Fire Marshal, Mike Italia of Barry Isett & Associates.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion to amend the motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion to appoint Barry Isett & Associates and Mike Italia as Morrisville Borough Zoning Officer, Building Code Official, Flood Plain Manager and Fire Marshal.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

No more discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8G – Motion to Adopt Resolution for Appendix 1 LSA Authorized Official Resolution for Public Works dump truck/plow/salt spreader grant application.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8H – Motion to approve change order #2, dated 3/4/2022, regarding Library Roof Replacement in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8I – Motion to approve Payment #2-Final, dated 3/9/2022, regarding Library Roof Replacement in the amount of \$129,889.70, contingent upon receipt of the required closeout documents from the contractor.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8J – Motion to approve the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Morrisville Yardley Rotary Club to be held on Saturday, April 16th in Williamson Park from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8K – Motion to approve MEAC Spring 2022 Riverfront Preserve Cleanup 3/19/2022, 10AM-12PM, corner of Delmorr & Philadelphia Aves.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8L – Motion to approve MEAC Spring Nature Walk 4/23/2022, 10AM-11:30AM, Morrisville Riverfront Preserve.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8M – Motion to authorize the Borough to participate in Bucks County Health Department annual west Nile Virus Program.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8N – Motion to deny grievance regarding denial of leave, filed by the Morrisville Police Association.

Motion made by Mr. Paul.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Robinson)

Motion 8O – Motion to deny grievance regarding medical opt out, filed by the Morrisville Police Association.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Robinson)

Motion 8P – Motion to grant or deny Chief McClay’s part-time police proposal request.

Motion removed from Agenda.

Motion 8Q – Motion to donate six ten-year-old out of service police bullet proof vests to Falls Police Department who are sending them to Ukraine for the protection of soldiers.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8R – Motion to waive the Morrisville Little League fees for the 2020 season and to allow Morrisville Little League to pay its remaining 2021 fees by June 30th.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

Mr. Parker stated, we are going to open that up to any public comment since it's a new item on the agenda.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

11. Jim O'Brien – 1000 University Drive, Yardley

He stated, I really appreciate Borough Council's willingness to communicate with me on this and I'm looking forward to a much more improved relationship and communication for years to come. So thank you guys very much for your consideration tonight.

There being no further public comment, President Ted Parker moved to the business portion of the agenda.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Lubin)

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Motion 9A – Library Board: One 3-year appointment to expire on 3/18/2025. *Letter of interest from Bruce Stevens (re-appointment).

Motion to nominate Bruce Stevens made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Ms. Engelhard.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations? Last time. Any other nominations? Hearing none nominations are closed. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion to nominate Bruce Stevens carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 9B – Library Board: One 3-year appointment to expire on 3/18/2025. *Letter of interest from Constance Beadle (re-appointment).

Motion to nominate Constance Beadle made by Mr. Robinson.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations? Hearing none. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion to nominate Constance Beadle carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 9C – MEAC: One retroactive 3-year appointment to expire on 12/16/2024.

*Letter of interest from Joshua Kuntz (re-appointment).

Motion to nominate Joshua Kuntz made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations? Hearing none. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion to nominate Joshua Kuntz carried by voice vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hlahol stated, I have some things. I have been talking to a lot of organizations and so I'm going to need Council's consensus that I can work with Judith, the Borough Manager in order to get some letters out. I have six corporations that are willing to donate to get the Manor Park Playground redone. I'm not going to mention their names in case it does not work out however, they do need proposals and a letter coming from the Borough Manager stating exactly what's going on. I'll work with Judith, if every Council agrees I'll put together the costs and what the new playground would probably be. I have someone who's willing to donate all the fill. I have someone who's willing to tear the playground down. I have someone who has promised to help build it and I have commitments of money but I don't have dollar amounts so that's all things that have to be worked out and I need the Borough Manager to do that. Does anyone have any issues if I work with Judith?

Ms. Price Engelhard asked, wouldn't that also be working with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

Ms. Hlahol replied, I don't know.

Ms. Price Engelhard asked, do we have some direction on this?

Ms. Hlahol replied, at this point it's not really doing anything it's getting the letters and telling the organizations that this is a legitimate thing and not some wackadoodle who called.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, I think it would come through because we're working through a long-term and short-term plan and I think that would be part of the short-term plan for us to understand more about it. Am I off base here?

Ms. Hlahol replied, it's replacing equipment that's already there I don't know. I can work with the Borough Manager to figure out where it needs to go from that point. I'm just asking for a consensus to get these letters out. How it goes going forward it can be a further discussion.

Ms. Sherlock state, I would agree to get the letters out of course on Borough letterhead with Judith's signature.

Ms. Hlahol replied, that's what I'm asking.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I had on my -- to discuss this evening the equipment that's up there I was told that it needed to come down immediately from our insurance company so my question tonight was when was that going to be coming down but now I'm hearing that that's a possibility, whether that's sooner than later I don't know.

Ms. Hlahol asked, do I have a consensus?

Mr. Holbert stated, for tonight's purposes and the idea of just getting the letters out, getting the interest that yes the Borough is looking for help in these cases, a consensus tonight is fine. That is something that they can work -- then Judith, yourself can work through the Parks and Recreation Committee combining to get all the information compiled to present to Council. Letters going out tonight yeah we just need the consensus but bringing back the next step in agreeing to terms with people go through the Parks and Recreation Board and then to this body would be the procedure.

Mr. Robinson stated, it's basically when you're talking to higher ups at different places like Helen has been doing and they say yes we'll help but we need something in writing so this is basically Judith providing something in writing to get it done.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, no Scott I totally understand I did that for a living for 40 years so I get what you're asking. I just want to make sure we're all on the same plane so thank you very much. I think it's a great idea.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I have some more things.

Ms. Sherlock asked, can I go back to that for just a second I have a question about –

Ms. Hlahol stated, I have the floor.

Ms. Sherlock stated, the question is to you Helen. I want to make sure that where that would go -- like there's a sinking issue down there so the idea that we're going to put something new –

Ms. Hlahol stated, Nancy I just need letters of proposal and then it can start getting worked out as to where the equipment's going, what equipment is getting bought. I'm just asking for a consensus to get letters out so that the organizations who have spoken to me and have committed to me can proceed forward because they then need to take this letter to their higher-ups in order to get it going. I don't want to sit here with six corporations who have said yes that they're going to then say no because we are mired in our own mud.

Ms. Sherlock stated, agreed.

Mr. Parker stated, all right is there a consensus, anybody opposed?

Ms. Sherlock stated, no I just want to make sure that it's a viable place.

Mr. Parker stated, any contact with the Borough Manager needs to be cc'd to me and then anything that I think is relevant that should go to the Parks and Recreation Committee will. Working with the Manager and directing the Manager to do things are two different things that will come from me, so you and I will be working hand in hand.

Ms. Hlahol stated, yeah that's fine. So the other thing is I also got an organization who will donate three picnic tables. One of them is going to go down to Manor Park and two of them are going to go into the field next door to the dog park. I also talked

to yet another corporation and they are willing to fund a Truck Enforcement Officer for us and in addition to that they are willing to replace that solar speed limit sign that is out because of lack of batteries, so I again will need to work with Ted and Judith in order to get the proposal out to this organization so that we could start that in motion. In addition to that, we're going to need to know what the status of the Police van that was given to Public Works because we probably will need that back if we get the Truck Enforcement Officer and all the equipment that was inside of that Police van. Do I have that consensus?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I think the Chief left I thought we should have his take on this.

Ms. Hlahol stated, there was one stipulation made by that organization and that stipulation would be that this would be a Truck Enforcement position and not an officer that would get pulled off of Truck Enforcement.

Ms. Sherlock asked, and they would be an employee of Morrisville?

Ms. Hlahol replied, I don't have any of those details that's why I am asking for consensus for Judith.

Ms. Sherlock asked, what are your thoughts about this position?

Ms. Hlahol stated, it's just a consensus for Judith to talk to the company not to –

Mr. Paul asked, can you tell us what this is about?

Ms. Danko stated, at this time I believe Helen is just asking for the ability for me to discuss the issues with the companies to see what they'd be willing to do.

Mr. Parker asked, does anybody have an objection?

Ms. Danko replied, I don't have any process or even the thought of how they would become an employee or any of that at this point. I'm just hearing about all of this too.

Ms. Hlahol stated, yeah I don't have anything it was a conversation that I had. They're willing to help us and I need a consensus to work with Judith.

Mr. Paul stated, I don't understand what a consensus is, either we take official action, what is a consensus? I'm serious.

Mr. Parker stated, well a consensus is everybody's okay with it so that she can work with me and Judith to put out letters to feel –

Mr. Paul asked, but can't you do that without approval from this Council?

Ms. Hlahol replied, no.

Mr. Paul stated, then I think we should do a resolution. I think it should go all the way to resolution, this consensus bothers me because it's informal so we're authorizing but it's not real authority. I don't understand the status of it – can you explain that?

Mr. Holbert stated, yeah here's what we're doing, we're not really taking official action. Basically what you're doing is Ms. Hlahol has brought something to the attention of Council that can be done or something people's interested in, basically you're giving direction to the Borough Manager now to work to investigate these items. It's not an official action in the sense that you need a formal vote, it's just the idea that this is something you want to pursue and you want to have the Borough Manager pursue with the help of some of the Council members. It's just the idea that you're interested in this and let's have the Borough Manager investigate further.

Mr. Paul asked, isn't the Borough Manager authorized to do that even without special authority in this instance?

Ms. Danko stated, no I cannot take direction from one Council person it has to be a consensus of all of you.

Mr. Paul stated, oh well I'm not suggesting taking direction I'm thinking you could do it on your sua sponte.

Ms. Danko replied, I could.

Mr. Holbert stated, yes but we're now getting into some policy decisions where there will be a Council vote.

Mr. Paul stated, I have a problem I think it's great that Helen's out there trying to do this to help the community with the parks but I do have a problem that we're undermining the committee's structure. I think it's great that you're doing this but I think you should do it in coordination with the Parks Committee. Why do we have individuals going in one direction and committee's going in a different direction? I think that undermines the organization and the efficiency of this organization but I could be wrong. Does anyone else have any other thoughts?

Ms. Price Engelhard replied, I agree with you I think that's why we have the committee's in place so that we can work together. I don't have a problem with you know going to Judith with all this I think it's a great idea but I think overall it should come through the committees that we set up. That's my take on it.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I just want John Later involved when we place the picnic benches because we're going to have to secure them to the ground somehow but I think that's very generous I'm happy about it.

Mr. Parker stated, we shouldn't be accepting donations without a council vote anyway, I know it has happened in the past but it shouldn't be anyway.

Ms. Sherlock asked so where are we with this, we're just moving forward right? That's it, we're done I mean as far as the consensus goes.

Mr. Parker asked, Helen, anything else?

Ms. Hlahol replied, no.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mr. Price Engelhard stated, I just want to do a shout out to John Later I requested to get those telephone poles off the sidewalks especially near the Towers and it was done and it looks great and thank you so much for making that happen.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I do have a quick announcement. At the last meeting the Chief mentioned that he was in need of crossing guards desperately because when they don't show up or can't make it our Police Officers are there and that's unattainable. The Book sale you mentioned that it goes until April 30th and regarding the mural project there was a meeting with the Morrisville Coalition Community and there was \$6,000 to start the mural project and businesses have been contacted and they're willing to move forward, that's where it is right now so when there's more to announce or what they're going to do first I'll let you know.

Mr. Parker stated, the Environmental Advisory Council has a one three-year appointment which expires on December 16, 2024, that's open if anyone's interested please put in a letter of interest. The Planning Commission has one full year appointment which expires on December 31st, 2025 and a letter of interest is required as well and then the Library Board has one position for a remaining two years of a three-year term which expires on March 1, 2024 and then there's a second position that's open for one three-year term that expires on March 18, 2025 so if anyone's interested in being on the Library Board please submit a letter of interest. That's all the announcements so we're going to move to the adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn, made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker at 9:26 p.m.

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