

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE
REGULAR VOTING MEETING
June 20, 2007

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 7:0 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Jeffrey Franke, Nancy Kacin, Larry Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, Joan Kearns, and Theo van de Venne. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John M. Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus. Mr. Brooks was absent.

Representatives from PennDOT provided Council with an update on the Construction on Route 22, Section BO2. Although the completion date has been moved from the original date of November, 2007 to July, 2008, PennDOT has assured the residents of Murrysville that is a “worst case scenario.” Joe Szczur, PennDOT Chief Executive of District 12, and Bill Lowry, Assistant District Executive for Construction reported that the delays are the result of a late start of the project, some utility related issues, and basically the complexity and enormity of the project. Mr. Lowry reported that the contractors are now on an accelerated schedule and hope to gain some time back in their schedules. The goal of PennDOT is to have the main line paving completed by the end of 2007 and finish shoulder and median work, mulch and seed and clean-up by spring of 2008.

Mayor Somers questioned the representatives from PennDOT regarding the responsibility of the Municipality of Murrysville for the maintenance of the area of construction when the entire project is completed. She said that when the project began, she was led to believe that the municipality would not be responsible for this work. But in recent meetings with PennDOT, it has come to light that the Municipality of Murrysville would indeed be accountable for any maintenance necessary. Mayor Somers and Mr. Szczur agreed that they will meet to discuss this issue.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Kacin called to order the Regular Voting Meeting of Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL: Kim Blauvelt determined the voting order and called the roll: Mr. Franke, Mrs. Kacin, Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Nicolette, Mr. Pavlik, and Mr. van de Venne. Mr. Brooks was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Kacin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:

None

Mr. Nicolette moved to approve agenda. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

4A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4B. INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

4C. APRIL 18, 2007, MEETING MINUTES TO BE APPROVED.

Mr. Nicolette requested staff to clarify the negative figure associated with the Greenplan account in the Summary of Investments.

Mr. Nicolette moved to approve Consent Calendar Items. Mr. van de Venne seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Franke – yes, Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mrs. Kearns – abstained because she was not a member of Council when the April 18, 2007 meeting occurred, Mr. Nicolette – yes, Mr. Pavlik – yes, Mr. van de Venne – yes. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

George Meert – 216 Ridge Lane – Mr. Meert expressed his appreciation to Mayor Somers, Mrs. Kacin, and Mr. Pavlik for attending Candidates Night at Clover Ridge Estates.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:

Mayor Somers congratulated Mrs. Kacin and Mr. Pavlik on their recent re-election to Council. Regis Synan will also be joining them on the Republican ticket in the fall. Although Mayor Somers was disappointed with the voter turnout in the primary election, she stated she was inspired by those with hardships who did make the effort to come to the polls and vote.

The Mayor reported that the Safety Committee will meet on Friday, May 18, 2007 at Franklin Regional High School.

Mayor Somers also reported that Relay for Life will occur at Franklin Regional High School on May 25, and May 26, 2007.

Mayor Somers announced that on Sunday, May 20, 2007, Cornerstone Ministries will be holding a ground breaking ceremony and, on the same date, Murrysville Methodist Church will have a dedication ceremony for their new renovations.

Mayor Somers met with officials from PennDOT in charge of landscaping and together they selected a site for the “Welcome to Murrysville” sign on the East end corridor of Route 22.

Mayor Somers also announced that this is “National Police Appreciation Week,” and acknowledged the dedicated work of the Murrysville Police Department.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:

At the May 2, 2007 meeting, Council directed Mr. Barrett to investigate the willingness of the residents of Evans Road to independently pay up front for water lines going to Murrysville Community Park. Mr. Barrett reported that there is not a 100 percent willingness of the Evans Road residents, and is prepared to begin the process of looking into an alternate route for water lines. This would cost the Municipality of Murrysville an estimated additional \$40,000.00. Mr. Barrett requested direction from Council on how to proceed. It was decided that the Evans Road residents will be resurveyed with some additional cost information provided to them. Staff will

then bring this information to Council for a vote. Council also asked for a breakdown of project costs for both alternatives.

The Chief Administrator reported that he has met with the Municipal (Water) Authority of Westmorland County and the plans are moving forward for the replacement of water lines on Old William Penn Highway, between the Cozy Inn Cutoff and Ferri's. The target date for this project is April, 2008.

Mr. Barrett announced that Rich Connors, Director of Engineering, Public Works and Parks, has completed his 90 day probationary period.

Mr. Barrett welcomed Sharon Esquino, the new afternoon receptionist, to the Municipality.

Lastly, Mr. Barrett reported that next week is Public Works Appreciation Week. There will be an event on Thursday, May 24, 2007 to acknowledge the Public Works Department.

LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Franke attended the Parks Commission meeting and reported that the group discussed a couple of advisories for subdivisions. They also discussed the ongoing erosion problem at the Funk Bike Trail. The committee expressed their concern that there are no enforceable speed limit signs posted in the parks and they thought this could be a potential problem. The committee would like to see an ordinance created concerning this issue.

Mr. Franke attended the Emergency Management Council meeting and reported that they are considering adopting the Westmoreland County recommended PEMA plan and will come before Council with this in the future.

Mr. Pavlik said that he attended the Library Board meeting and reported that they discussed purchasing insurance, including liability insurance, for the board members. They have also developed job descriptions for their board members and the director of the library.

Mr. Nicolette reported that the Finance Committee is experiencing a delay in the audit report due to the death of the chief auditor. The summer intern was introduced to the committee, and the project scope he is involved in was discussed.

Mr. van de Venne had no liaison reports but questioned Mr. Nicolette and Mr. Barrett as to updates on the pension plan performance.

Mrs. Kacin attended the Planning Commission workshop where the Overlay Project was discussed.

Mrs. Kacin reported that the Gifting Committee met and they discussed a gift in the amount of \$20,000.00 donated by the Franklin Regional Lacrosse Club in 2005, the Gifting List, and the production of a brochure for the Opening of Murrysville Community Park. Also, they announced that there is still one position immediately available on their committee, and another position

will be available in 2008 when Joe Thomas leaves to serve on the Franklin Regional School Board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

9A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 736-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220 ZONING, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY THE ZONING OF LOT 2 OF TAX MAP 49-16-14-0-200 AT THE CORNER OF BORLAND FARM ROAD AND OLD WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY FROM MIXED USE TO BUSINESS. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 741-07, AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE DEFINITION, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ARTICLE VI BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

ENGINEERING:

10A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE DPW-5-07, 2007 CDBG WATER SERVICE LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

11A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF LIST OF ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR GIFTING TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve with changes (shown beginning on page 6). Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11B. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NON-BUDGETED ITEM, PORTABLE WATER REEL IRRIGATION SYSTEM, FOR USE IN MURRYSVILLE PARKS, NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve with the stipulation that the system is purchased from an unencumbered amount in the Parks budget. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

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In response to an earlier Action Item, Mr. Nicolette reported the Finance Committee determined that the bonding level for Municipal officials is above what the Charter requires and therefore this Action Item can be removed from Outstanding Items.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ✓ Council directed staff to provide an update on the ongoing problems that Frank Larimer has been having with his neighbor.
- ✓ Council directed staff to obtain an explanation of the negative figure associated with the Greenplan account in the Summary of Investments.
- ✓ Council directed staff to provide a detailed breakdown of the two viable options for bringing water to Murrysville Community Park and the residents of Evans Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened to an Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. concerning the upcoming police contract. Mrs. Kacin appointed a committee including herself, Mr. van de Venne, and Mr. Nicolette to meet with Chief Seefeld regarding this matter. No voting resulted from this Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pavlik moved to adjourn. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Time: 9:55 p.m.

JOHN M. BARRETT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

kjb 5/29/07

cc: Mayor
Council
Community Development
Finance
Engineering

Police
Public Works
Solicitor
Front Office/Library
Recreation

Changes made to Agenda Item
11A.

Gifting and Donation Items
2007 - 09

General Information, Recognition, Naming Rights

- *Signage*
 - *Entrance Signs should include address to facilitate 911 response*
 - *All new signs and bulletin boards should match current Pannier-style design for the purpose of consistency*
- *Trees*
 - *Trees should be at least 1-1/2 – 2 inch calipers for all parks except Murrysville Community Park and Townsend Park Grove*
 - *Murrysville Community Park and Townsend Park Grove trees should be at least 2-1/2 to 3 inch calipers*
- *Recognition*
 - *Unless otherwise indicated, naming rights are for the lifetime of the facility or item*
 - *Naming rights signs are designated with an asterisk (*) in specified park list*
 - *Other items listed and not designated for naming rights will be recognized with a small plaque on the item or other general listing in the park.*
 - *In-kind construction of any facility built to MOM specifications may be proposed and built with the approval of Council.*
- *Facilities already in existence are designated with this sign (#) in specified park list*
- *Recognition on donor and volunteer service tree outside library*
 - *Amounts for donation are listed below; in-kind service equal to the designated amount is also acceptable.*
 - *All gifts will be recognized on the decorative tree outside the library as follows:*

▪ dark green leaf	\$10-\$49
▪ light green leaf	\$50-\$99
▪ yellow leaf	\$100-\$299
▪ orange leaf	\$300-\$499
▪ red leaf	\$500-\$999
▪ silver leaf	\$1,000-\$1,999
• gold leaf	\$2,000-\$4,999
▪ tree branch	\$5,000-\$9,999
▪ tree trunk	\$10,000 -and up
▪ boulders	\$20,000-and up
▪ child's dark green leaf	\$1 - \$9
▪ red apple	at least 100 accumulated hours of volunteer service for parks and/or recreation (note: only one apple person)
- *Other gifts can be considered and accepted by Council on a case-by-case basis.*

Designated Donation Amounts

Donations Eligible for Naming Rights:

Sports Fields = \$45,000
Courts (tennis, basketball, dek hockey) = \$45,000
Play Structures = vary according to cost and approved by Council
Park Benches = \$500
Open Pavilions = \$35,000
Parking Lots = \$25,000
Concession Stands = \$25,000
Dreamers' Point (MCP) - to be negotiated with Council **
Bark Park (MCP) - to be negotiated with Council **
Miracle Field (MCP) - already committed to Murrysville-Export Rotary Club **
Senior Activity Area (MCP) - to be negotiated with Council **
Discovery Place (MCP) to be negotiated with Council **
Information/administration Center (MCP) to be negotiated with Council **
Amphitheatre/Sledding Area (MCP) to be negotiated with Council **
Multi-purpose festival field (MCP) - to be negotiated by Council **
Barn - internal rehabilitation (MCP) to be negotiated with Council **
Gazebos **

Other items on donation list, but not eligible for naming rights**

Entrance Designations (signs, walls, etc.) for Parks **
Stationary Bleachers **
Mobile Bleachers **
Wooden Picnic Benches **
Concrete Picnic Benches **
Players Benches **
Stone Water Fountains **
Swings **
Sledding /Amphitheater Area **
Scout Knob **
Dug- Outs **
Surfaced Walking Paths **
Trail Paths (not paved; gravel) **
Trail Path (dirt) **
Fencing **
Informational Kiosk **
Various Signage **
Bulletin Boards **
Trees - **
Native Shrubs - **
Lighting for facilities **
Park and Recreation Brochure **
Wooden steps to connect areas **
Donated materials for projects (projects and locations to be determined by Engineer and/or Park Foreman)
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Volunteer service performed (service to be determined by Chief Administrator and/or Recreation Director
and/or Park Foreman= 100 hours of service for an apple on donor tree **

** Designated for a donation at the actual cost of the item at the time of planning, purchase and/or construction.

Facilities, Structures and Other Items Approved for 2007 - 08

- Royal Highlands Field
 - replacement of outfield fence **
- Lillian Kellman Nature Reserve
 - trail map signs (2) - one for each parking lot
 - entrance sign for Evergreen Parking Lot
- Heritage Park
 - entrance sign
 - fencing for open play area
 - benches for open play area (4) **
 - trees (10) - for roadside (4), pavilion (2), and open play area (4)
- Chambers Park
 - baseball field * **
 - basketball/deck hockey court * **
 - tennis courts * **
 - water fountain for behind backstop and waterline
 - entrance sign replacement
 - bulletin board replacement
- Duff Park
 - informational kiosk for Eagle Scout Project for Oak Tree Timeline **
 - new entrance sign
 - replacement guide rails in parking lot
 - bathroom *
 - bench at top of Round Top Trail
- Gaswell Monument Parklet and Trailhead (Duff Park)
 - gazebo - already promised for naming of Dorothy Pack, former mayor
- Murrysville Tree Sign
 - access road for maintenance
 - tree maintenance
 - undergrowth control
 - general donations for maintenance and refurbishment

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- Kovalczik Park
 - hard court – court asphalt needs to be replaced * #
 - new entrance signs (2) *

- Townsend Park
 - trail map sign for Remaley (lower) pavilion
 - replacement trees for grove (25)
 - benches (2) – 2 on breast of dam
 - fountain for upper pavilion
 - fountain for Remaley at lower pavilion
 - concrete picnic bench near open area above Remaley pavilion
 - trail and picnic area between caretakers' house and ball field parking lot *
 - upper pavilion * #
 - landscaping for hillside below sports parking area

- Bear Hollow Park
 - baseball fields (2) * #
 - basketball/deck hockey court * #
 - tennis courts * #
 - replacement entrance sign

- Beckwith Field
 - playfield lights
 - trees on hillside above field (6)
 - surfaced walking/bicycling path to connect administration/library to Veteran's Field and trail to Townsend Park (located at the base of the hillside of the field)

- Murrysville Community Park
 - field 1 (upper) *
 - field 2 (middle) *
 - field 3 (lower) *
 - field 5 (little league) *
 - field 6 development (can be listed as two fields) *
 - field 4 * #
 - field 1 pavilion *
 - field 2 pavilion *
 - play structures (upper field 1; lower field 3; field 5) *
 - swings at middle field 2
 - wooden picnic benches (10) for pavilion - middle field 2
 - concrete picnic benches (10) for various locations
 - park benches (10) for various location
 - stone water fountains at 4 existing fields
 - players benches (8 for 4 existing fields)
 - wooden picnic tables (16) for wetland and middle field pavilion
 - wooden picnic tables for additionally constructed pavilions (8 per pavilion)
 - concrete picnic tables (10) for various locations near sports fields
 - 100 trees for various locations as per site plan
 - grills (3) for middle pavilion
 - bleachers (15' x 5 risers) - stationary (4, one for each current field))
 - bleachers (15' x 5 risers) – mobile (2)
 - trash receptacles (25)

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- dug- outs (4)
- surfaced walking trail - grades stone for Phase 1
- surfaced walking trail - paved for phase 2
- miracle field - already committed to Murrysville-Export Rotary Club
- senior activity area -
- discovery place
- information/administration center
- multi-purpose festival field * **
- barn - internal rehabilitation * **
- scout knob - trails , bridges, boardwalks, parking, camping/meeting area **
- sledding/amphitheater area - clearing trees and preparing area
- step to connect athletic fields parking lot to upper field

- Pleasant Valley Park (*Volunteer led effort*)
 - signage
 - trail Construction
 - kiosk
 - bridges for trail

- Recreation Programs as designated by the Director of Recreation or Chief Administrator

- General
 - park and recreation tri-fold
 - volunteer service performed and accounted for at prevailing wage for service

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