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BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014
7:00 PM

Mrs. Truesdale, President of Council, called the Workshop of Brookhaven Borough Council to order at 7:07 PM. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center. Mrs. Truesdale led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mrs. Truesdale welcomed all present.

The record shows the following people were seated at the Council Table: Mr. Camma, Ms. Sawicki, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Mrs. Truesdale, Solicitor Matlawski for Mr. Maddren, Ms. Leslie, Mr. Linowski, Mayor Hess, Engineer Catania and Borough Secretary McKinley

Public Discussion

Jim LaPera, 512 Camelot Drive, said he was asked by Mrs. Fooks and Mayor Hess to speak to Council tonight to give an update on items the Recreation Board would like to recommend for the coming year and to get these items on the public record. On behalf of the Recreation Board here are their recommendations:

1. Signs at all parks with the name of the park and what activities the park houses. For example, "Welcome to Samson Park Home of Brookhaven Girls Softball". There was a sign there that was vandalized and never replaced.
2. Plaques with the name and little biography on who the park was named after. There is one kind at Eaton Park and there used to be one at Samson Park before it was rebuilt. The sign is no longer around.
3. They would like to recommend that the new baseball field being built to replace the water company field be named in honor of both Jim Durkin and Rich Bush. The water company field was named in honor of Jim Durkin to recognize his years of service to Brookhaven Babe Ruth Baseball. The sign was taken down on the field at the request of Chester Water Authority. Jim Durkin and Rich Bush were both involved in Brookhaven Babe Ruth Baseball for over 30 years and are both members of the Pennsylvania Babe Ruth Hall of Fame. Mr. LePara said that the Recreation Board will do something to honor Mr. Bush at a later date.
4. Revitalization of Eaton Park. They envision a walking trail, a covered pavilion and a storage building. The walking trail would help bring people to the park and keep vandalism down. With more people in the park, the police won't need to patrol as often. The pavilion could be used for picnics by Borough residents and the Recreation Board would like to use that area for their Theatre in the Park in July and also possibly put on music concerts. They understand that this vision will take a good deal of money and hope the Borough will be able to obtain Grants to help with the funding.
5. Lastly, the Recreation Board would like to strongly recommend that Council reconsider their Decision to rename Memorial Park to Daniel M. McCray Memorial Park and instead name one of the fields, possibly the major field, in honor of Councilman McCray. This was a unanimous Decision by the Recreation Board, agreed upon by every member of the Board.

Mr. LePara said the Recreation Board is getting a letter together to send to The Christian Academy to see if they can use The Christian Academy's field while our new field is being constructed. He said that he would provide

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Council with a copy of the letter. Mr. Wilwert said that maybe students from Williamson School of Free Trade could help with the construction of a pavilion and walking trail.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Matlawski

Other than to announce that Council had met in Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting to discuss litigation and possible litigation, he had no other items on which to report.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Hess had no report.

Liaison to Zoning Hearing Board, Chair Finance and Insurance Committee, Chair Long Range Development Committee, Member Civil Service Commission and Chair Condo Association Committee – Mr. Linowski

Mr. Linowski announced that the Zoning Hearing Board met on December 9 and approved the variance for the Purfield's vacant land on Shepherd Street.

He continued his report saying that the Borough's Workplace Safety Committee was re-activated earlier this Year. They meet monthly. All of the Committee's paperwork, e.g., attendance sheets, minutes, accident investigations, etc. were submitted to get a discount on our Workers Compensation. All of the paperwork was satisfactory and we are now certified. The Committee has worked closely with the staff from Arthur J. Gallagher & Company to guide us in getting this certification.

Mr. Linowski wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Council Reports

Chair Emergency Management Administration, Chair Recycling/Trash Committee, Chair Fire Committee, Chair Police Committee and Member Personnel Committee – Ms. Leslie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Business and Revitalization Coordinator, Chair Ordinance Committee, Member Condo Association, School Board Liaison, Chair Technology Committee, Member Personnel Committee, Member Finance Committee and Chair and Council Liaison to Grant Committee – Mrs. Fooks

Mrs. Fooks said the Ordinance Committee will meet on January 21, 2015. Their primary focus will be to study the Property Maintenance Codes and evaluate how they can be applied to our existing business districts to see what can be done.

Josie Szostek and Mrs. Fooks will be meeting in January to start the grant writing process for the Borough. They are specifically looking at State Grant Programs such as the Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP).

Chair Arbor/Shade Tree Committee, Liaison to Board of Health Committee/Public Safety Committee, Member of Grant Committee, Liaison to Planning Commission and Member Long Range Development Committee – Ms. Sawicki

70th Anniversary commemorative items are on sale at the Borough Office during normal business hours. There is a nice selection of sweatshirts, t-shirts, a hat and pewter ornament. Clothing is in adult and children's sizes.

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Ms. Sawicki wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chair Historical Society, Liaison to Holiday Parade Committee, Traffic Calming/Speed Humps Assignor, Chair Comprehensive Plans, Chair Inspectors and Fire Marshal– Mr. Camma

Mr. Camma thanked Mr. Wilwert for joining in the collection of Christmas Cards for the Troops Program. This is the 10th year of the Program. Over 2,000 cards were collected this year. Over the past 10 years 35,000 cards were collected and distributed to the troops.

Chair Public Works Department, Co-Chair Inspectors and Fire Marshal, Member Fire Committee, Deputy Emergency Management, Chair Building/Rental Committee, Member Grant Committee and Member Police Committee – Mr. Wilwert

Mr. Wilwert thanked Mr. Camma for all he has done for the troops over the years. Even though the notice was short this year, the Borough had a good response. Cards received after the deadline today will be collected at the office and Mr. Wilwert will deliver them to Veterans in the hospital.

He thanked everyone who helped with or participated in Town Watch's Annual Craft Fair. Thanks to his wife's good cooking, the kitchen did very well.

Mr. Wilwert said there was a grease problem clogging the sewer main on Edgmont Avenue in front of the Brookhaven Shopping Center. The clog was so bad that General Sewer Service had to suck the grease out which they had a hard time doing because of the quantity and thickness of the grease. Mr. Catania, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wilwert will talk about this clog to see if we may be able to back-charge the restaurants that caused the problem.

Mr. Wilwert wished everyone Happy Holidays and said be safe.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania said that there has been some interest shown in developing the property known as Grady Collier Boulevard on East Brookhaven Road. The property was originally owned by Keith Harvin and is currently owned by a bank. He will be meeting with an interested party next Tuesday to review the file on the property.

Inspectors' Reports

Fire Marshal – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said that inspections are on-going.

There was an excavation at the Mobile Gas Station and no product was found in the ground water.

The new jewelry store is open but not ready for their Certificate of Occupancy Inspection. Mr. Wilwert asked if they could be shut down because of that. Mr. Matlawski said if they don't have the appropriate paperwork to be open they should not be open.

Code Enforcement, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical – Messrs. J. and R. Grant – No report

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Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield said that the Borough has received a check for almost \$1,000 in payment of a lien we had on a property.

The Board of Health did packages for five families with a total of 15 children. Thanks to all of Council, Camp Haven, Harry Swayngim, Mrs. Jones, the Fire Company, Senior Groups and others who donated either financially or purchased gifts for those who are less fortunate.

Liaison to Recreation Committee, Chair Personnel Committee, Member Finance Committee, Member Fire Committee and Member Police Committee – Mrs. Truesdale

On December 7, 175 Brookhaven Senior Citizens enjoyed a delicious lunch at the 9th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon. Then at 6:00 PM the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony took place. Music was provided by the Coebourn Elementary School Chorus. Refreshments were served back in the Municipal Center. There was also a Horse and Carriage Ride available at the Walking Trail. A \$5 donation was requested to go for a ride.

Mrs. Truesdale wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There was no other business to come before Council and Ms. Leslie made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilwert made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary