

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
March 19, 2019
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Joshua Bennett, Linda Echard, Tom Smith, Ray Strosko, Tom Theis, and Mayor Ronald Echard. Also: Borough Solicitor John Campfield and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin. Absent: Scott Sistik.

Call to Order

President Raymond Strosko called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Invocation

Linda recited a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2019 Meeting

Tom T. made a motion seconded by Todd to accept the March 5, 2019 minutes. Motion passed with all voting in favor, with the exception of Josh who abstained.

Guests: Tim Zontek, Spartan Central Baseball

Tim stated that they are now looking at having 4 Spartan Central teams at the field and are seeking additional field usage.

Jeff reported that the New Stanton Recreation Program did not get a sufficient number of players signed up by the last sign-up day of March 9th. He stated that he contacted the parents of those that signed up letting them know.

Jeff reviewed a memo to council regarding the existing and requested Spartan Central field usage.

Ray asked if they could have two points of contact from the Spartan Central be in contact with Jeff regarding all issues. Tim stated that they would.

Tim said the 4 teams would be ages 7, 8, 9, and 12U.

Linda mentioned that in the future perhaps people could park at area parking lots (possibly arrangements could be made with area churches) to alleviate parking issues.

Linda stated that children should not be allowed in the concession stand.

There was a discussion about renting the port-a-john for over by the little field as in years past.

Ray said that the water should be turned on at the park as soon as possible to check for leaks. Ray mentioned about getting heaters to keep the pipes from freezing.

Spartan Central will be responsible for maintaining the infields during the season.

Tom S. stated that we need signage about the fields being reserved. Ray mentioned that we should let people know when they are renting pavilions that what the field reservation schedule is.

Tom S. made a motion seconded by Linda to amend the Spartan Central lease to reflect their use of both ball fields Monday through Fridays 6- PM to 8 PM and Sundays 8 AM – 8 PM with Saturday by reservation through July 15th and to a tournament from Thursday, May 23rd through Memorial Day May 27th. Motion passed unanimously.

Willie Bitar a coach from the Spartan Centrals stated that they would like to buy some of the borough's surplus baseball supplies like field dry and lime. Tom S. said we should do an inventory to see what we have.

Tom S. made a motion seconded by Josh to do an inventory of the field dry and lime and sell it to Spartan Central for what the borough paid. Motion passed unanimously.

Opportunity for Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda

Ray asked if there were any public comments on items not on the agenda. There were none.

Council Additions to Agenda

Ray asked if there were council additions to the agenda. Tom S. added *Swing set for Park*. Ray added sale of the *Ford farm tractor and other items discussed at previous meeting*.

Linda said that the borough will need to have representation at the concession stand whenever it is open. There was agreement

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

Ray asked if there any public comment on agenda items only. There were none.

M/V on Purchase of 10,000 Pounds of Mulch for Park

Jeff stated that he received two quotes with Mulch Direct being the lowest.

Todd made a motion seconded by Tom S. to purchase 5 tons of blue rubber mulch from Mulch Direct in the amount of \$2,795. Motion passed unanimously.

M/V to Purchase Grills for Park

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to purchase 6 Pilot Rock Heavy Duty Steel Park-Style grills from Northern Tool and Equipment at a total cost of \$836. Motion passed unanimously.

M/V Purchase of Handicapped Swings and a Swing Set for Park

Tom T. made a motion seconded by Josh to spend up to \$3,500 to purchase an ADA swing and swing set. Motion passed unanimously.

M/V to Sell Various Items on Munici-bid

Josh made a motion seconded Tom S. to list the Ford farm tractor for sale on Munici-bid with a reserve of \$3,500 and to also list on Munici-bid those items that were discussed at the March 5, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

M/V to go into Executive Session

Todd made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel at 6:45 PM.

M/V to Come out of Executive Session

Todd made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:28 PM.

M/V on Payroll Resolution No. 2019-916 Concession Stand Coordinator Part-Time Seasonal Position

Tom S. made a motion seconded by Josh to approve Pay Resolution 2019-916, for the Concession Stand Coordinator Part-Time Seasonal Position at \$13 an hour including 5 hours of start-up, 3 hours a weekly shopping, and operation of the concession stand as per the schedule approved by the borough and pending updating of clearances. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Recreation Board & Special Events

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda that those members on the Recreation Board can continue to serve and those that have applied can be considered for the Recreation Board if they agree to operating the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween event, Christmas party and to helping with the Community Picnic; they will have no involvement with the maintaining and upgrading of park facilities or with any athletic and recreation programs at the park. Jeff, Todd and Josh will meet with the board members and candidates to inform them. Motion passed unanimously.

M/V on Replacement of a Mail Box

Jeff reported that the borough received a complaint about snow from a borough plow truck hitting and damaging a mailbox.

Tom S. made a motion seconded by Josh not to repair the mail box at 222 Melrose because it was not hit by the borough plow truck but was pushed down by the snow. Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Items

Jeff reported that:

- He contacted the owners of a property on Highland Avenue about trees hanging into the right-of-way. The owner had them cut back.
- New *No Truck* sign installed on Pennsylvania Avenue.
- *No Parking in Front of Gate* signs installed at park entrance.
- *No Parking* signs installed at old borough building.
- Wasn't sure, as per discussion at last meeting, whether we could install signs on S. Center Avenue since it is a state road. John suggested contacting Emil.
- \$86,976.94 2019 Liquid Fuels allocation.
- We are supposed to be first on the contractor's paving schedule to do the work we contracted for last year.
- WCBA meeting on March 28th and dinner on April 26th.
- G-Conference looking to hold conference in October instead of May.
- Jeff stated that the Finance Committee met about the fire truck. He stated that the only expense paid out of the fire-fighting fund is an annual expense of just over \$11,000 for the 2008 fire truck which will be paid off in 2023. This account is where the one mil tax for the fire department is deposited which equaled \$34,000 last year. That would leave a little over \$20,000 a year for a new truck. The Finance Committee also recommended that the borough donate \$10,000 per year toward the truck purchase which would equal a total of \$30,000 a year which at 2% interest (state loan) and a 15-year term would equal a \$400,000 truck. In addition to this the fire department could dip into the current balance of the fire-fighting fund. Which would provide another \$85,000. The return on any trade-ins could also be put toward the new truck. A meeting will be set-up with the chief to discuss this.

Tom S. made a motion seconded Josh to present this financing plan to the Fire Chief. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary