

M I N U T E S
SHALER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Cross. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Cross, Boyle, Iozzo
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Wagner, Mizgorski, Fisher and Shutter; Chris Lovato, Manager; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Mel Crawford, Admin. Assistant

New Business:

Traffic Study Discussion – Greenfield Road at Pin Oak Drive at Ellen Hughes Park

The first item of business was the traffic study discussion for Greenfield Road at Pin Oak Drive at Ellen Hughes Park.

Mr. Lovato stated that at the Public Safety Committee Meeting on November 22, 2022, a resident (Becky Sederwall) expressed her concerns about Greenfield Road from Pin Oak Drive as you head to Ellen Hughes Park. Ms. Sederwall requested stop signs be installed on Greenfield Road at Pin Oak Drive and also on Greenfield Road at Fox Meadows Court. The Public Safety Committee approved a traffic study be completed on Greenfield Road between Pin Oak Drive and the entrance to Ellen Hughes Park. Sergeant McBurney completed this traffic study and will present his findings.

Sergeant McBurney stated that he completed a traffic study after a resident expressed her concerns regarding vehicle traffic and sight views. **Sergeant McBurney** placed traffic radar signs in the area for 19 days and found that the average speed on Greenfield Road isn't bad, but the max speeds and traffic volume going into Hampton were concerning. **Sergeant McBurney** stated that the road is narrow, and visibility worsens when vegetation has grown. **Sergeant McBurney** recommended that two additional stop signs be placed at Pin Oak Drive and Greenfield Road making it a 3-way stop.

Sergeant McBurney stated he also looked at Fox Meadow Court which has pretty good sight lines in both directions, but he will continue to monitor as it is also narrow there.

Sergeant McBurney stated he is also recommending additional signage for the park including a park entrance sign, a reduced speed sign, and a share the road sign.

Upon inquiry from **Commissioner Cross**, **Sergeant McBurney** stated that they are going to push enforcement between 11:00am and 3:00pm as that is when there are high risk drivers on Greenfield Road. **Sergeant McBurney** stated that once the weather is better, they can put enforcement lines on the road.

Upon inquiry from **Commissioner Cross**, **Sergeant McBurney** stated he is making this recommendation for the stop signs to be installed due to the limited sight lines and the park being in that area. **Sergeant McBurney** stated it was a safety hazard.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo, to recommend to the full Board that we add stop signs on Greenfield Road at Pin Oak Drive as recommended from the traffic study done by Sergeant McBurney and apply the proper signage in that area noting the speed is down to 20mph and the park entrance. The motion was carried.

Becky Sederwall, 502 Pin Oak Drive

Ms. Sederwall discussed a section of land between the park entrance and Pin Oak Drive that is a patch of grass and the possibility of it being a small strip of sidewalk. **Sergeant McBurney** stated that there are telephone poles and evergreens there but would discuss with the Road Superintendent.

Civil Service Rules and Regulations Revisions

The next item of business was the Civil Service Rules and Regulations Revisions.

Chief Frank stated that there are revisions for Section 3.3 and Section 3.5. They removed the words “Associate’s Degree,” and will keep it at 60 credits and in good standing at a university. **Chief Frank** stated they would like to add that we accept applications electronically, and that if applicants do not have 60 credits, they can have 4 years of law enforcement or 4 years of military policing in the last 7 years rather than 5 years.

Upon inquiry from **Commissioner Cross**, **Chief Frank** stated the Civil Service Counsel recommended 7 years rather than 5. Upon inquiry from **Commissioner Cross**, **Chief Frank** stated he is comfortable with that timeframe especially since we have a very low number of potential candidates.

Upon inquiry from **Commissioner Cross**, **Chief Frank** stated you have to maintain the Act 120 certification.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Lovato**, **Chief Frank** stated that this will not lower the quality of the candidates that apply as they still have their testing and vetting processes.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo, to recommend to the full board that we modify Sections 3.3 and 3.5 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations at the February Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion was carried.

Chief Frank also reported that the Middle Road traffic study was partially completed. **Chief Frank** stated that **Sergeant McBurney** was working with Allegheny County to get speed signs installed. **Chief Frank** stated he was just notified by the County that they have put 4 signs up.

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Lovato
Township Manager

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M I N U T E S
SHALER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:56 p.m. by Commissioner Mizgorski. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Mizgorski, Wagner, Iozzo
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Cross, Boyle, Fisher and Shutter; Chris Lovato, Manager; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Mel Crawford, Admin. Assistant

New Business:
2023 Road Paving List

The first item of business was the 2023 road paving list.

Mr. Lovato stated that the Township Engineer has provided a memo and proposed paving list with costs for 2023. It was noted that asphalt pricing has increased, and Matt has estimated a 10% increase over 2022 pricing.

Mr. Sebastian stated that we are seeing cost increases and that he is using a 10% increase as an estimate for 2023 in the hopes a bid comes in lower. **Mr. Sebastian** stated he is open to suggestions and priorities for any roads from the Board. **Mr. Sebastian** stated the gas company has been doing a lot of work on Shaler Drive and that he needs to see how many crossings they will have, but he is expecting to get a least one lane paved by them during restoration. **Mr. Sebastian** stated we would hold off on Vollmer Drive and other areas with all of the gas work taking place.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Wagner**, **Mr. Sebastian** stated the gas company will do the majority of Vollmer Drive up to where they did their patchwork, not the whole length of the road. **Mr. Wagner** stated it would be in our best interest to finish the whole road and be done. **Mr. Sebastian** stated that he can meet with the gas company to discuss routing and that he is hoping they do the whole road and their restoration company will take care of it.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Wagner**, **Mr. Sebastian** stated that we will pave Shaler Drive from McElheny to the dead end. Upon inquiry from **Mr. Wagner**, **Mr. Sebastian** stated they will not pave Campbell Place at this time due to there not being much traffic there.

Upon inquiry from **Mrs. Fisher**, **Mr. Sebastian** stated that we will only pave our portion of Scott Avenue which is from Clare Street to Autumnwood Drive.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Iozzo**, **Mr. Sebastian** stated that we are only working with one list this year with no alternatives.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Wagner**, **Mr. Sebastian** stated that we cannot piggyback off the paving contract to also do the tennis courts. **Mr. Sebastian** stated that we, instead, are moving forward with a multi municipal project through the COG.

Mr. Iozzo moved, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to recommend to the full Board that we approve the 2023 paving list. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Wagner moved, seconded by Mr. Iozzo that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Lovato
Township Manager

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MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:09 p.m. by Commissioner Fisher. She announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked the Secretary to call the roll. The Secretary called the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Fisher, Mizgorski, Wagner
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Cross, Boyle, Iozzo and Shutter; Chris Lovato, Manager; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Mel Crawford, Admin. Assistant

New Business:

Allegheny County Marble Program

The first item of business was the Allegheny County Marble Program.

Mr. Lovato stated that Allegheny County would like to have their marble program at Kiwanis Park this year either on April 1-2 from 1:00-3:00pm or May 15-17 from 4:00-6:00pm. This would require an area of approximately 14ft x 14ft in the park. There is no cost to this program and is for children 14 years of age and under. Winners move on to the Countywide Marble Tournament later in May.

Mrs. Kording stated that she had spoken to the organizer who has been involved with this program for years.

Upon inquiry from **Mrs. Fisher**, **Mrs. Kording** stated these dates would not interfere with any Township events.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Mizgorski**, **Mrs. Kording** stated that we would need to ask the organizer where they would need to set up in the park.

Mrs. Kording stated that the dates in May would be better with the weather, and that the county would bring everything and staff the event. **Mrs. Kording** stated that they are asking for a quick commitment due to timing.

Mr. Wagner moved, seconded by **Mr. Mizgorski**, to recommend to the full Board that we approve the Allegheny County Marble Program at Kiwanis Park from May 15-17. The motion was carried.

2023 Crawford Pool Rate Recommendations

The next item of business was the 2023 Crawford Pool Rate Recommendations.

Mrs. Kording stated that it has been hard getting lifeguards especially when the county pays more, and that we are fortunate to be able to open 7 days a week unless there is inclement weather. **Mrs. Kording** stated that last year was our best year in passes, and that we have come up with some good options for this year. **Mrs. Kording** stated that she is recommending an

increase in season passes due to increased operating costs, and that they are very reasonable compared to other municipalities. **Mrs. Kording** stated that she is recommending an increase in daily admission, not fun day or multi day passes, and party deck and pool rentals. **Mrs. Kording** also stated that we are considering opening the pool an hour later to allow an additional swim lesson session.

Upon inquiry from **Mrs. Fisher**, **Mrs. Kording** stated that the pool used to open at noon until 8 or 8:30pm and being open from 11 to 7 or 7:30pm is better for families, but she also sees the need for more lessons. **Mrs. Kording** stated she's unsure if we can raise the rates if we decide to cut an hour out of each day.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Wagner**, **Mrs. Kording** stated that the pool could open later on weekdays until mid-July when lessons are over. **Mrs. Kording** stated she would need to discuss this with pool management.

Upon inquiry from **Mrs. Fisher**, **Mrs. Kording** stated that the couple pool pass option is a new rate structure for this year.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Lovato**, **Mrs. Kording** said we do not have a single parent and child option, but that they could purchase an adult pass and a child pass which is cheaper than a family pass.

Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to recommend to the full Board that we approve the 2023 Crawford Pool rate recommendations. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Mizgorski moved, seconded by Mr. Wagner that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Lovato
Township Manager

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M I N U T E S
SHALER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Iozzo. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Iozzo, Fisher, Boyle
ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Cross, Wagner, Mizgorski, and Shutter; Chris Lovato, Manager; Judith Kording, Assistant Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Sean Frank, Chief of Police; Robert Vita, Code Enforcement Officer; Amanda Jennings, Finance Director; Mel Crawford, Admin. Assistant

New Business:

Deer Issue

The first item of business was a deer issue.

Mr. Vita stated that his office has been receiving a lot of calls the last few weeks about residents feeding deer.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Lovato**, **Mr. Vita** stated that McCandless, Ross, and Franklin Park have an ordinance against feeding wildlife.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Lovato**, **Mr. Vita** stated that families worry about their kids playing in the yard due to ticks from the deer. **Mr. Vita** stated another issue is that deer defecate where they eat which then attracts rodents.

Mr. Stone stated that he recently drafted an ordinance for this, and another concern with the deer is vehicular accidents and damage and injuries that can be sustained.

Upon inquiry from **Mr. Lovato**, **Mr. Vita** stated that the PA Game Commission recommends against feeding the deer, but it is not prohibited.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by **Mrs. Fisher**, to recommend to the full Board to authorize the solicitor to develop an ordinance prohibiting feeding all animals especially deer. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Fisher** moved, seconded by **Mr. Boyle** that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Lovato
Manager

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