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Regular Meeting
April 2, 2018
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Kate Abel

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members:

President Kate Abel

Vice President Daniele Ventresca

Councilwoman Joanna Bouldin

Councilman Jeff Fabus

Councilman Drew Lehman

Councilman John Maggio

Councilwoman Jen Mazzocco

Staff:

Jason Walsh Mayor

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

John Rushford Solicitor

4. Registered Comments from the Public

None.

5. Committee Reports

Public Safety and Building and Code Enforcement: Mazzocco mentioned there were 28 fire calls for the month of March. The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Planning, Sustainability and Inclusion: Bouldin stated that the meeting for March was cancelled. Bouldin briefed on the Local Government Academy Intern Fair which she attended with Ben Estell. The Borough was awarded an Intern Grant for the 2018 Strategic Planning Process. Bouldin briefed on a webinar with Age-Friendly Greater Pittsburgh. The program manager is interested in coming to Dormont to talk about ways to increase accessibility and inclusion for all generations.

Recreation and Community Affairs: Ventresca briefed on the March 12, 2018 meeting. There was a presentation regarding the pop up events at Passive Park. The committee has started the Dormont Day planning process. There will be a Dormont Day Meeting within the next few weeks. Spring Clean-up will be April 21, 2018 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bethany Bachman, Community Events and Communications Coordinator, briefed on "Be My Neighbor Day". Coffee with Council will be April 9, 2018 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm which has replaced the regular Recreation and Community Affairs Committee Meeting. There will be a Story Time event at the Library on April 10, 2018 at 10:30 am. Ventresca mentioned the Farm to Table event. Ventresca mentioned there will be a proclamation recognizing April as National Autism Awareness month which will be discussed under Action Items.

Business District Relations and Development: Lehman mentioned there will be a meeting April 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Lehman stated there will be an event in June/July.

6. Comments from the Mayor

Walsh attended the MRTSA meeting last month to discuss their finances.

Walsh met with City Councilman Coghill regarding partnering with Beechview and painting art on the trolley overpass over Wenzel Avenue.

The Broadway Avenue Project is still in the early stages.

Walsh asked Coghill to fix some potholes on the City side of Potomac Avenue.

7. Council President's Report

Abel briefed on the Banner Community Luncheon last week; attended with Walsh.

Abel recognized that Mazzocco, Bouldin and Walsh graduated from the Local Government Newly Elected Officials Academy.

8. Borough Manager's Report

Estell stated the ladder truck sales agreement has been signed and the payment has been made. Estell mentioned that sometime in April the Hope Fire Company of North Cambria County will be picking up the truck and make the remaining payment.

Estell and Bouldin attended the Intern Fair at CMU; Dormont was the most popular table. The students liked what the borough is doing. Estell briefed on Motion I to hire up to two interns for the Strategic Planning Process through the Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program. Dormont was awarded a grant which will pay for half of one intern. The cost for the two interns will be \$7,200.00. Estell has scheduled interviews with the top candidates within the next two weeks. The interns will start as early as May 15, 2018 and will last about 12 weeks or 960 hours.

Estell briefed on the email changeover which will be happening on April 3, 2018. All of Council will have a tablet with access to full Office Suite and agreements for the tablets will need to be signed. Estell and Rushford are working on a Social Media Policy.

9. Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Drew Lehman, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Maggio, Councilman
AYES:	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

- a. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2018(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- b. Warrant List March 2018(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- c. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for March 2018(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- d. Motion to Approve Solicitor's Report for April 2018(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- e. Engineer's Report(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- f. Motion to Accept the March 2018 Zoning Report(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- g. Motion to Appoint Lauren Schmitt to the Recreation Board for a Term Ending January 2, 2023(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- h. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Bethani Diulus from the Dormont Recreation Board(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- i. Motion to Authorize the Borough Manager to Hire Up to Two Interns for the Strategic Planning Process through the Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- j. Motion to Retroactively Approve the Purchase and Installation of HVAC Unit for Municipal Building from Caruso Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. for a Total of \$9,997.00.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- k. Recommendation of Award of the Contract for the 2018 Open Cut Spot Repair Project to Niando Construction in the Amount of \$69,777.00.(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- l. Motion to Approve the Friends of Dormont Pool Temporary Sign Permit Application and to Waive the Application and Permit Fee.(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)

10. Action Items

- a. Motion to Approve Proclamation #2, 2018 Local Government Week(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Ventresca read the Proclamation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
SECONDER:	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
AYES:	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

- b. **Motion to:** Approve Proclamation #3, 2018 Recognizing April 2018 as National Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Dormont

Ventresca read the Proclamation.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
SECONDER:	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
AYES:	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

11. Discussion Items

- a. Passive Park MOU

Rushford briefed on his meeting last Monday regarding the issues of Passive Park. Rushford stated the Park needs to be added to the Rec1 System and legally needs to be available to the public for rent. Rushford recommended adding the Park to the Fee Resolution at \$1.00 per rental per day. Rushford briefed on the MOU which addresses the access issue and the safety issue of the hillside onto Hillsdale and West Liberty Avenues. Rushford does not recommend a sublease agreement for the Park to one group. Rushford mentioned having a member of Main Street present for the duration of the event for insurance liability and cleanup.

Abel asked about the \$1.00 consideration wording in the MOU. Abel also asked about entities renting the Park for an extended time and not using it. Rushford stated the Park must be used if rented.

Estell suggested adding wording to the Fee Resolution that requires a member of the renting organization be present for the entirety of the rental event. Rushford endorsed this wording to be amended in the Fee Resolution.

Abel confirmed that rentals are at Estell's discretion.

Ventresca asked about a security deposit for rentals. Rushford stated there needs to be a security deposit discussion with staff and then Main Street.

Abel asked about the rental fee in comparison to other rental fees for Dormont rentals. Rushford does not believe it to be an issue but Council has the right to re-access charging a higher rate.

Maggio asked who created the original draft. Rushford stated that he did. Maggio recommended looking into how Mt. Lebanon rents out their parklet.

Fabus questioned the parking meter situation at Passive Park as no other Park has metered parking.

b. **Motion to:** Amend the Fee Schedule

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
SECONDER:	John Maggio, Councilman
AYES:	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

c. **Motion to:** Approve the MOU

Ventresca asked about the Park being rented and not used. Rushford referenced Paragraph 10 of the MOU.

Kate McCall, 3100 Wainbell Avenue Re: Is this MOU the same or different than a Special Events Permit?

Rushford stated that it is different.

Ms. McCall had several other questions.

Katrina Walsh, 1407 Hillsdale Re: If this passes what are the next steps for Main Street on voting?

Fabus stated the property is zoned as commercial real estate and not a park. Estell confirmed that commercially zoned space can be used as a park.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
SECONDER:	Jen Mazzocco, Councilwoman
AYES:	Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco
ABSTAIN:	Kate Abel

d. Concession Stand Contract(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Bachman briefed on the concession stand proposals, one from the Muddy Cup Coffee House and one from Simon's Food Concessions.

Bouldin asked about the costs for the investments needed for Muddy Cup.

Estell mentioned making a recommendation to the Borough staff to negotiate with one party or another and bring a contract to the next council meeting.

Jack Abel, 1106 Kelton Re: Concession stand menu at Dormont pool.

e. **Motion to:** Negotiate with the Muddy Cup Coffee House

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
SECONDER:	Drew Lehman, Councilman
AYES:	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

12. Citizens' Comments

13. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 8:28 PM

a. **Motion to:** Adjourn

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
SECONDER:	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
AYES:	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco