

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
JULY 5, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Vice-President E. James Seeley called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Roll call of members was taken. Present: Mayor Harold Kershner, Jr., E James Seeley, James Long, Ed Fenton, Joe Riggio, Bill Witner, and W. Bruce Michael (via telephone). Absent: Dave Kershner and Engineer. Other Officials present were Solicitor Barry Lewis, Zoning Officer Larry Frace, and Secretary Carol Kieser.

Citizen present: Judy Reichert, David DeHaven, No Citizen Comments or Complaints were received.

No Mayor's report was given.

Attorney Barry Lewis, Solicitor, reported Ordinance #195 of 2023, Burning Ordinance, was advertised and presented the ordinance for enactment. Motion by Joe Riggio, seconded Bill Witner, to adopt the Ordinance #195 of 2023. Motion carried; no opposed.

The decision regarding the June 28, 2023 Conditional Use Hearing was submitted to Council. No quorum of Briar Creek Borough Council was present for the hearing; therefore, application for zoning approval of Libra Holdings was deemed approved. Vice-President Jim Seeley signed the document. Copies will be given to Borough Zoning Officer and Michael Knaus, Libra Holdings, LLC.

Peter's Consultants approved the land development plans for the Briar Creek Storage Project (Ryan May). A Planning Commission Meeting will be setup for final approval of the plans. Attorney Lewis has the Developer's Agreement and Bonding requirements for the development. A waiver for the sidewalks and curbs requirement was approved by Council at the June 7th Council Meeting.

No progress report was given on the Welliver Road Weight Study.

Larry Frace submitted a zoning report and discussed the zoning activity for June 2023. A copy of the report is filed in the Borough Office.

Two complaints from Tammy Trivelpiece regarding the deliveries and the backup safety alarms on the equipment located at Smith Pipe were addressed.

The Briar Creek Township held a conditional use hearing for Ruckle Hill Road Solar Farm on June 28, 2023. Conditional Use was turned down by the Township. Ruckle Hill Solar will contact Larry Frace to inform him if they want to ask for a continuance or pull back their application.

Measured the lot at 114 Welliver Road and located the surveying pins. Recommended the property owner move the shed parallel with the garage and to the front corner of the property. This relocation should then meet the setback requirements by 2-3 feet.

An update of the violations at the Briar Creek Estates Mobile Home Park was given. Violation letters will be sent.

Larry Frace is continuing to investigate the driveway renovation made by Carl Majer.

The Secretary/Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports

No report given by the Law and Finance Committee.

A project estimate to widen and resurface E Rittenhouse Road from Steve Kehoe, PennDOT Municipal Services Specialist, was presented to Council. A discussion was held to widen and pave the road for safety reasons. Motion by Joe Riggio/seconded Ed Fenton to postpone any further discussion until Council has a chance to review the survey and project estimate from Steve Kehoe. Motion carried; no opposed.

Jim Long and Harold Kershner reported that the owner of the property for the easement on W. Rittenhouse Mill Road has been hard to contact. A tree needs to be removed so the Borough can cutback the bank to improve line-of-sight. A letter from the Borough Office will be sent to the address.

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Discussion was held regarding the Emergency Highway Maintenance and General Maintenance contract period. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Ed Fenton to advertise for a two-year contract for these services. Motion carried; no opposed.

Ed Fenton and Jim Long are continuing to work on the specs for the crack sealing proposal.

Jim Seeley reported the pavilion project has been approved by the Columbia County Commissioners. Picnic tables will be purchased from PA Aluminum.

Old or Unfinished Business

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance text changes.

No new business was discussed.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Joe Riggio to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough