

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
May 1, 2024
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

President of Council W. Bruce Michael 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., W Bruce Michael, E James Seeley, James Long, Ed Fenton, Dave Kershner, and Bill Witner. Other Officials present were Zoning Officer Larry Frace and Abigail Kurecian, and Secretary Carol Kieser. Absent: Rodney Koch, Solicitor Barry Lewis, and Engineer.

Citizen present: Jordan Smith, David DeHaven, and Holli Trivelpiece and John Trivelpiece.

Minutes of the 03/27 work session and 04/03/2024 regular council meeting were approved as recorded.

Citizen Comments and Complaints

John Trivelpiece commented that he is having a hard time hearing the council discussions and asks that council speak directly into the microphones.

No Mayor's report was given.

Solicitor's report – Attorney Barry Lewis was absent. No report was given.

Engineer's Report – Email from Angela Slusser, Peters Consultants, reported that a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR-F) is required from FEMA for the Vought Development, located at 7617 Columbia Boulevard, due to the amount of fill that was placed within the floodplain.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted the April 2024 zoning report and discussed the zoning activity. A copy of the report is filed in the Borough Office.

- Complaint was received regarding pounding and grinding coming from 30 E Rittenhouse Mill Road for the past two weeks. Complaint stated: its disruptive, the noise carries into my home and wondered why they were working outside when they have a full building to work inside (which would keep the noise down).
- Violations, unsafe structures, and condemned structures were reported.

- Met with Berks Homes to discuss variances and permit information to build six homes in Phase 1 of Suncrest Village.
- Zoning violations were reported at Briar Creek Estates and Red Oak mobile home parks. Owners stated they are struggling and cannot afford the bills. Suggested they attend a public meeting to discuss.

Secretary's Report – List of bills, checking account balances and registers were presented. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Long to approve the report and pay the invoices. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committee Reports

Law & Finance – No report given.

Highway and Streets – Sample letter to be mailed to the owners and residents on E Rittenhouse Mill Road to inform them that Rock Bottom Dirt Worx has been contracted to excavate and widen the road was presented. The letter stated any obstructions in the right-of-way will be removed by the contractor at the cost of the home owner and asked that no vehicles be parked along the road during the construction project. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Jim Seeley to approve and send the letter. Motion carried; no opposed. In an effort to answer any questions regarding the project, the Secretary and Jim Seeley will walk the road to explain the project or post the letter on doors and cars.

Preliminary cost to resurface Park Road and E Rittenhouse Mill Road was presented. Council asked Jim Long to contact Steve Kehoe for a cost comparison of milling prior to paving versus just an overlay.

Discussion was held to clean the Borough's inlets. Secretary was asked to find the map showing the inlet locations and make contact with contractors to perform the cleanouts.

Buildings and Grounds – Power washing quotes were presented. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Bill Witner to award the project to the House Washers in the amount of \$450. Motion carried; no opposed.

Old and Unfinished Business

Secretary is continuing to work on the Fee Schedules for Zoning.

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LST Employer Listing – Updated employer list was presented. Council asked Secretary to contact Columbia County Tax Office and find out who gets the real estate taxes when a property spans two municipalities.

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

New Business

A Planning Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 to review the final plans for the Vought Development, located at 7617 Columbia Boulevard.

Reminder, a PennDOT meeting is scheduled to be held in the borough hall from 1-3PM on Wednesday, May 29th.

No further business. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded *Jim Long* to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough