

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held June 7, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Council members Lisa Gaier, Michael Johnson, Jann Paulovitz, Douglas Propst, Jon Roth, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of May 3, 2017 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following check registers be approved for payment:

April 28, 2017 -	\$ 142,547.12
May 5, 2017 -	156,768.05
May 12, 2017 -	24,049.53
May 19, 2017 -	593,786.98
May 25, 2017 -	34,872.78
June 1, 2017 -	422,828.82

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Roth. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the Financial Statement, Police Department, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector reports be received and filed. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Naomi Naylor, Executive Director of Quakertown Alive! and Paul Rose, President of Quakertown Alive! presented a \$50,000 facade grant by the Department of Community and Economic Development to be used to improve store fronts in the Borough's business district. Mr. Rose stated out of sixty-two communities that applied for the grant, Quakertown Borough was one of six to be chosen.

Mrs. Naylor mentioned twenty four applications have been received which the Quakertown Alive! Board and Design Committee will be processing.

Mrs. Naylor also stated in 2016 Quakertown Alive! reported 800 volunteer hours. The cost per a volunteer per hour is \$24.00. The volunteers serve on the Design Committee, Events Committee and Promotions Committee serving the Borough and the businesses within.

A representative from Senator Mensch's office presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Borough and Quakertown Alive! upon being rewarded a grant by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for outstanding work aimed at improving the community.

Councilwoman Paulovitz announced Naomi Naylor has been recognized and awarded The Outstanding Achievement by a Program Manager by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Naomi will receive the award in Harrisburg this week.

Visitors:

Stephen Biddle, 130 S. Main Street, indicated he would like to speak under the Parks and Recreation portion of the agenda.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Roth stated that there are not any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 67-17, selling of old portable police radios, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 67-17

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown wishes to dispose of twelve old police portable radios and where as a quote from All Season Distribution of Brewertown, NY was received in the amount of \$590.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the sale of twelve old police portable radios to All Season Distribution for the amount of \$590.00.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 66-17, setting the date for the annual Lions Club Halloween Parade, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 66-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Lions Club, for the annual Quakertown Halloween Parade, to waive the fee for the use of the bandshell and to approve the closing of the streets for the parade route. The requested street closings are:

Juniper Street from 4th Street to 11th Street,
Eleventh Street between Juniper and Broad Street,
Broad Street
3rd Street between Broad and Juniper
Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets between Broad and Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Council, in the adoption of Resolution 19-06, reserved the right to waive these fees for certain civic or charitable events which they deem beneficial to the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Lions Club Halloween Parade to close Borough streets and waive the fee for the use of the bandshell for their event on October 22, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm with the rain date of October 29, 2017.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Gaier stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Paulovitz stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Works Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle stated he would like to see more details on the agenda regarding applicants requesting permission to rent Borough facilities such as times, fees, etc.

Regarding the Naming Rights Policy, Mr. Biddle urged Council to be clearer about giving public notice and reasonable time for public discussion before final consideration and also add to the policy the ability for the Borough to do a background check on the nominee.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 58-17, Quakertown Summer Swim Team's request to close pool for swim meets and to hold a team splash party, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 58-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from Christina Hattala, President of the Quakertown Summer Swim Team to close the Quakertown public pool for use to hold four home meets on June 19, June 26, July 3 and July 10, 2017 starting at 5:00 pm and to hold a team splash party on Sunday July 23, 2017 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm which will be held during public hours.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Summer Swim Team to close the public pool for their 2017 home swim meets and to hold a team splash party during public hours on July 23, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-17 Moon Dog Yoga Studio's request to hold yoga sessions at the amphitheater, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 59-17

WHEREAS, a request was received by Moon Dog Yoga Studio to use the Park at 4th amphitheater for evening yoga classes on June 14, July 5 and August 16, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Moon Dog Yoga Studio to use the amphitheater for classes on June 14, July 5 and August 16, 2017 provided that they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 60-17, QNB's request to hold a Founders Concert at the Park at 4th and the use of the amphitheater, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 60-17

WHEREAS, Quakertown National Bank has applied for a public gathering permit to celebrate a QNB's Founders' Concert event on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 and has requested to hold the event at the Park at 4th and amphitheater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit to QNB and the use of the amphitheater for their event on July 19, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and also to waive the fee provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 61-17, Crossroads Pregnancy Care's request to hold a walk, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 61-17

WHEREAS, Crossroads Pregnancy Care has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a Walk for Life and 5K Run through Quakertown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of Crossroads Pregnancy Care for their Walk for Life and 5K Run through Quakertown beginning and ending in Memorial Park on October 14, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 63-17, Lorenda Knisell's request to use the amphitheater for a belly dancing and fire show, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 63-17

WHEREAS, a request was received by Lorenda Knisel of Absecon, NJ to use the Park at 4th amphitheater to hold a show including belly dancing with fire which is to be a family friendly show on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, proceeds collected will go to the East Swamp Church for Triple C Special Needs classrooms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Lorenda Knisel to use the amphitheater for a family show including belly dancing and fire on June 25, 2017 provided that they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 62-17, Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue's request to hold a Dog Walk Fundraiser and the use of the amphitheater, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 62-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from Jackie Burke of Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue, Quakertown, PA to hold a Fall Dog Walk Fundraiser at the Park at 4th on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and also the use of the amphitheater.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering request to Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue to hold a dog walk fundraiser and use of the amphitheater provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Paulovitz. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 64-17, endorsing the completion of the Circuit Trails, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 64-17

CIRCUIT TRAILS COMPLETE 500 MILES OF TRAILS IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION BY 2025

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails are a connected system of multi-purpose trails (largely off-road) located in the nine (9) counties that comprise the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) region, including Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Mercer, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties; and

WHEREAS, the building of the Circuit Trails is considered to be one of the largest metropolitan-wide, multi-use trail building efforts in the country and very significant regional accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, the DVRPC set a long term regional goal in the Connections 2040 Plan to complete the Circuit Trails by 2040, and to meet this goal, 180 new miles of Circuit Trails need to be completed by 2025 to reach 500 miles (2/3's complete); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails provide equitable transportation options for all users and will connect communities to places of work, places to shop, places to worship, places to play, places of historic significance, and places to teach our children; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails-Coalition, DVRPC, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies have committed to complete non-motorized options for transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails will provide safe facilities separated from vehicular traffic to encourage be bicyclists, walkers, the physically challenged, and other non-motorized users of all ages to be more active and spend time outdoors, thereby improving their fitness and health; and

WHEREAS, when communities in other areas of the United States and abroad provide for non-motorized transportation options they thrive as places to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Trails, by offering both residents and tourists access to natural, cultural and historical sites, will bring health and economic benefits to counties, municipalities and businesses in the region such as revenues to local economies, healthcare savings, enhanced real estate values, and increased activity; and

WHEREAS, 5.4 million people reside in Greater Philadelphia and 85 percent of those surveyed support building more trails in their counties. Furthermore, 70 percent favor spending \$2 per person in public dollars annually to pay for new connected trails; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Quakertown is one of 385 municipalities in the DVRPC region that is part of the Circuit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown, hereby endorses the concept of the nine county regions completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit Trails and the Circuit Trails passage through the Borough of Quakertown, and encourages our neighboring communities to do the same; and the Borough of Quakertown supports the existing trails along the alignment of the Circuit Trails being designated as a "Circuit" Trail; and that Circuit guidance signage be installed with the coordination with the Public Works Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Circuit Trails Coalition, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or Environmental Protection, the counties, towns, cities of Pennsylvania.

Councilman Rosenberger asked if the Borough is responsible for the cost and maintenance of the trail signs. Manager McElree stated there has not been any discussion with the Borough for sharing the cost for the forty or fifty signs that the resolution is referring to. The sign that has been installed at the park was paid for through grant money and other sources and there was no financial commitment from the Borough.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Roth. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 65-17, Naming Rights Policy for Borough Facilities, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 65-17

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a Naming Rights Policy established to provide guidance in approving philanthropic, honorary, and corporate naming rights for Borough owned or controlled property or facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby adopt the new Naming Rights Policy dated May 22, 2017.

President Roberts suggested adding "Council" in the first line of the policy to read, Quakertown Borough Council establishes the following.

Manager McElree stated a lot of thought went into this policy, there are prohibitions and restrictions as to what the Borough can do as far as criminal history backgrounds. Title 18 of the Criminal History Record Information Act puts guidelines on governmental agencies conducting criminal investigations for non-criminal investigative purposes. The Borough would do a thorough investigation, but may not include a criminal investigative background.

Councilman Rosenberger also suggested adding page numbers to the Naming Rights Policy.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary