July 23, 2018

A continued meeting from July 11, 2018 regular scheduled Borough Council meeting was held on July 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Donald Rosenberger, Vice President James Roberts, Council members Michael Johnson, Douglas Propst, David Wilsey, Jon Sell, Mae Wear, Solicitor Sarah Murray and Manager Scott C. McElree.

Visitors:

Steve Biddle, 130 S. Main Street, indicated he would like to speak regarding the highway improvements for the Multimodal Transportation Grant and the License Agreement.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Biddle indicated he would have liked to have detailed information on the Real Estate Licensing Agreement for the Action Skate Park prior to this continued meeting so he could voice his opinions on it.

Councilman Propst gave an explanation and several details of the park agreement.

 RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 68-18, accepting the Real Estate Licensing Agreement for the Action Skate Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 68-18

WHEREAS a Real Estate License Agreement has been reached between the Borough of Quakertown and East Swamp Mennonite Church d/b/a Free Fall Action Sports for the land known as the Quakertown Main Street Park located at 670 South Main Street, Quakertown, PA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the proper Borough officials are authorized to sign the Real Estate License Agreement between the Borough of Quakertown and East Swamp Mennonite Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the proper Borough officials are authorized to also sign the Construction Agreement for the land known as the Quakertown Main Street Park located at 670 South Main Street, Quakertown.

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

 Several members of Free Fall were present and thanked Council for their support and look forward to starting the project soon.

**REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice President Roberts explained the Multimodal Transportation Grant is an opportunity to apply for a grant. If the application is approved, the Borough can decide at that time if they would want to proceed with the process. The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and insure that a safe and liable system of transportation is available to the residents of The Commonwealth.

 The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities in order to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety and transit revitalization. The program will be jointly administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Transportation under the direction of The Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Grant opportunity is for $800,000 that would fund improvements to the intersection of Park Avenue and Route 309 for pedestrian crossings. This space does not commit the Borough to the grant but authorizes the Manager to pursue the application.

Mr. Biddle asked what the Borough would do with that much money. Manager McElree stated with the application there is a preliminary plan the Appalachian Club drew up. The estimated cost of the prelimary plan was approximately $747,000.00 plus various engineering and administration fees.

 RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 73-18, requesting funds from the Multimodal

Transportation Grant for pedestrian crossing improvements at Park Avenue and S. West End Boulevard (Route 309), be adopted:

RESOLUTION 73-18

 Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown of Bucks County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of $800,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used to improve pedestrian crossings at Park Avenue and

S. West End Boulevard (Route 309);

 Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Scott C. McElree, Borough Manager as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Quakertown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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 L. James Roberts

 Vice President of Council

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Scott C. McElree

Borough Manager