

June 5, 2013

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held June 5, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Councilmembers David Erwin, Michael Johnson, Douglas Propst and Daniel Williams, Jr. Councilmember Katherine Heft, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

Manager McElree swore in Fire Policeman Michael Buser.

At 7:35 p.m., President Roberts called the conditional use hearing for QNB in session. President Roberts asked if anyone present is interested in discussing the QNB application? No one responded. President Roberts asked whether any members of Council have any questions? Councilman Erwin stated that the Planning Commission minutes indicated that there would be lighting next to a neighboring property and asked whether that had been addressed? A QNB spokesperson assured Council that none of the lighting fixtures would be directed toward a house. There being no further questions or comments, at 7:37 p.m., President Roberts declared the conditional use hearing for QNB closed.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 62-13, QNB's Conditional Use application, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-13

WHEREAS, QNB submitted an application to raze a structure on Parcel 35-008-206; and

WHEREAS, the demolition requires the Borough Planning Commission's recommendation and Borough Council's deliberation through a conditional use hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Planning Commission at their meeting on May 13, 2013, had presented their recommendation to Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown held a Conditional Use hearing on June 5, 2013, and grants the conditional use of Parcel 35-008-206.

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

At 7:40 p.m., President Roberts called the conditional use hearing of Gorski Engineering regarding the Spinlon property in session. President Roberts asked if anyone present is interested in discussing the Spinlon application? No one responded. President Roberts asked whether any members of Council have any questions? No one responded. At 7:42 p.m., President Roberts declared the conditional use hearing for Spinlon closed.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 61-13, Spinlon's Conditional Use, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-13

WHEREAS, Gorski Engineering of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, submitted an application to raze structures on Parcels 35-008-190, 35-008-191 and 35-008-207; and

WHEREAS, the demolition requires the Borough Planning Commission's recommendation and Borough Council's deliberation through a conditional use hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Planning Commission at their meeting on May 13, 2013, had presented their recommendation to Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown held a Conditional Use hearing on June 5, 2013, and grants the conditional use of Parcels 35-008-190, 35-008-191 and 35-008-207.

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

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of May 1, 2013, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

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

April 26, 2013	---	\$181,499.28
May 3, 2013	---	97,837.35
May 10, 2013	---	77,202.11
May 17, 2013	---	623,480.81
May 24, 2013	---	1,557.95
May 24, 2013	---	333,593.36
May 31, 2013	---	91,953.19

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the Financial Statement, Police Department, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector reports be received and filed. Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

Visitors:

Sandra Wallace and Sean Wallace of 400 Richlandtown Pike indicated that they wished to speak regarding the Borough's K.I.D.S. Program. President Roberts stated that they may speak during the Parks & Recreation Committee portion of the agenda.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Wallace questioned having a registration deadline for Counselors in Training (CIT) when previously there were no time constraints. Ms. Wallace asked assistance from Council for her son and other campers that are being turned away indicating that the program is filled. Previously CIT's were not counted and questioned why it has been changed? President Roberts stated that this would be a matter for the Borough Manager and suggested that she call his office for a meeting with him. Manager McElree explained that CIT's must be counted because they are not supervision and must also be supervised. Manager McElree pointed out that there are budget restraints; a necessary ratio between Counselors and participants; and we have limited to 200.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 58-13, request from Calvary Chapel to hold a musical concert in Memorial Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 58-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from Nathaniel Schill of Calvary Chapel to hold a musical concert in Memorial Park

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Nathaniel Schill of Calvary Chapel to hold a musical concert on September 20, 2013, 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-13, request from Quakertown Fellowship of Christian Athletes High School Club and the Quakertown Network East Swamp Church's request to host a "Free Fall" event at the Main Street Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 59-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Fellowship of Christian Athletes High School Club and the Quakertown Network of Churches to use Main Street Park field areas, basketball court, and the Skate Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Fellowship of Christian Athletes High School Club and the Quakertown Network of Churches to use Main Street Park field areas, basketball court and the Skate Park for a Free Fall event, which includes: a basketball tournament, skateboarding contest, recorded music and free food from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2013 (rain date October 5, 2013) provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 64-13, RASA request to use Memorial Park for a Softball Tournament, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from RASA Softball to use the softball field in Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of RASA Softball to use the softball field in Memorial Park on June 29th, July 5th, July 6th (unless needed as Community Day rain date), July 7th and July 13th, provided that they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

Councilman Williams announced that help is needed on June 30th at 6:00 p.m. to set up tents for Community Day.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Rosenberger stated that there aren't any items for action under the Revenue & Finance Committee.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 57-13, request from Calvary Chapel to close New Street for a block party, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 57-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from Nathaniel Schill of Calvary Chapel to hold a block party on New Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Nathaniel Schill of Calvary Chapel to hold a block party on September 21, 2013, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., and close New Street between Ambler and the dead end provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 60-13, request from American Legion to conduct the Memorial Day Parade, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 60-13

WHEREAS, a request was received for a public gathering permit from the Quakertown American Legion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit to the Quakertown American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 27, 2013, and the use of the band shell provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown waives the fee for the use of the band shell.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 63-13, request to hold a block party on Franklin Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from Edward Hall to hold a block party on Franklin Street on July 4, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Edward Hall to hold a block party and close South Ambler Street between Franklin Street and Broad Street.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 65-13, request to close Second Street for QNB Founders Day, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-13

WHEREAS, Quakertown National Bank has applied for a public gathering permit to celebrate their QNB's Founders' Day event on July 17, 2013, and to close Second Street between Broad and Third Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit to Quakertown National Bank and to close Second Street between Broad and Third Streets on July 17, 2013, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilman Erwin stated that there aren't any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there aren't any items for action under the Public Works Committee.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 66-13, recognizing Junior Councilperson Katherine Heft, be adopted:

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RESOLUTION 66-13

WHEREAS, The Borough of Quakertown Borough Council takes great pleasure in recognizing Katherine Heft's dedication as a Junior Council person; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2013, the Recipient completed a one year program of being a Junior Council Person with the Borough of Quakertown and participated in Council meetings to include governmental issues and deliberations.

NOW, THEREFORE, on the 5th day of June, 2013, the Borough of Quakertown Borough Council issues this recognition of service to Katherine Heft for her dedication to the community of Quakertown Borough and the completion of the Junior Council Person Program.

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

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary