

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

JUNE 9, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Nick Gresock.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed. Mr. Adams dedicated the moment of silence to Kenny Ksiazek a former employee at public works who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Gresock, Joe Hyzy, Eric Poach, Bob Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little, Bob Wratcher, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon.

LARRY BRADDSTETTER

Mr. Larry Braddstetter, a resident of 1162 Bucknell Drive, came forward to address council. He reported he is a member of the popular and growing Monroeville Pickleball group. He thanked council for the pickleball courts but suggested they need more. He requested council support painting pickleball court lines on the tennis courts which would give them six additional courts. He explained there is blank basketball area that would give them an additional three. He reported pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States and Monroeville courts are attracting players from all over the Pittsburgh area. He stated their group has over 100 participants and added new ones that day. He reviewed the local towns where people come to use the Monroeville courts. He mentioned the Recreation Department's beginner classes will be introducing 30 new players to the sport on Monroeville courts. He reported there were 52 people there last Monday that were using the six courts. He stated they need the extra courts to accommodate the weekend play which is hectic and tough to manage. He invited council to come to the courts and any of their members would be happy to introduce them to the game. He again thanked council for the courts and for their service to the community.

Mr. Braddstetter gave a brief overview of the history of pickleball that started in 1965 and how it was named after a dog. He reported it was got patented and the paddles were made out of plywood. He reviewed the game and the non-volley zone known as the kitchen.

Mr. Poach reported pickleball does not have as much of an impact as the tennis courts and this was requesting to have the tennis courts lined off for the overflow capability. Mayor Gresock reported the parks and recreation department are already considering doing an overlay of lines on the tennis courts. He explained they currently have white lines and maybe adding having orange lines for pickleball with the understanding that they are primarily used as tennis courts. Mr. Braddstetter asserted they would give the right-of-way to the tennis players. Mayor Gresock reported parks and recreation has already discussed this and it has been approved by the board.

Mr. Brandstatter reported it is not uncommon for them to have different colored lines on the tennis courts and he mentioned he played tennis in the north hills. He mentioned a facility above Cheswick called Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena (PISA) with four different sets of lines with volley ball, and basketball on the tennis courts.

Mr. Stevenson reported the parks and recreation board has already approved it to be done and the staff is on board. Mayor Gresock requested it be coordinated with the recreation and parks and the public works.

KIM KRIVDA

Mrs. Kim Krivda, a resident of 156 Jamison Lane, came forward to address council. She inquired about the issue with the water and the overflow of the pond at DCI. She reported since the last meeting a member of the municipal staff spoke with the adjacent property owners and they were going to discuss it with plumbers. She stated the restrictor was put back in place to slow the water down coming from the pond but there has not been a significant rain to determine whether it works. She inquired whether the municipality is going to put this pond on their list. Mr. Hugus stated the municipality inspects all detention basins. Mrs. Krivda questioned whether the municipality would have regular contact with DCI to confirm that it is serviced which was an issue. She inquired whether that was part of the process. Mr. Hugus explained when the letter was sent to DCI part of it was their approved plan that has a maintenance requirement cycle they have to follow. Mrs. Krivda questioned whether they would adhere to a regular schedule. She reported water has washed out the adjacent neighbor's tie wall. She mentioned a wall that belongs to two owners that may be removed and replaced with a ditch. She wanted to know whether the municipality would be able to enforce any additional action that DCI would be required to comply with. She inquired whether the municipality will stand behind the residents. Mayor Gresock answered affirmatively and asserted they would have to follow the agreement.

DANIEL BEGGS

Mr. Daniel Beggs, a resident of 158 Jamison Lane, came forward to express his concerns. He reported the previous resident was speaking of the issue between his property and the neighbor's where it got washed out. He stated it is under eroding his neighbors' fence and his tie wall has been undercut and fell over. He explained if a drain is put in place, the drain will come down when it rains and will flow onto Jamison Lane which is not allowed. He requested an option other than a drain that would come down between the two properties and not flow onto Jamison Lane. He mentioned that if it flows onto Jamison Lane it would go to the storm sewer in front of his house and there is a drain above it that flows into the storm sewer at his driveway.

Mr. Adams inquired whether he wanted another drain added in addition to the one at DCI. Mr. Beggs explained there is a drain that goes from the retention pond from DCI then there is an inlet which overflows. He reported it is fine if it does not overflow but if it does then it comes down between the two houses and erodes the properties. He wanted to know if there is a plan of action. Mayor Gresock verified that his neighbor would do pipe and Mr. Beggs answered affirmatively and added it would be on the property line. Mayor Gresock suggested the municipality meet with the property owners to determine what is being proposed. Mr. Hugus reported there has been a site visit and the municipality's obligation is to make DCI comply with their storm water report. Mayor Gresock inquired whether there

would be an issue if they do what the resident described. He suggested the storm inlets on Jamison Lane would be able to handle that water and Mr. Hugus concurred.

Mr. Adams felt the problem is that DCI's pipe is inferior because it is a six-inch pipe. Mr. Beggs agreed and suggested if they increased the size of the pipe there would never be a problem. Mr. Adams inquired whether the municipality could require DCI to increase the size. Mr. Hugus pointed out these are contradictory issues. He pointed out Mrs. Krivda says DCI had to make repairs to the detention basin which restricts the water to stay in the pond and not go down the pipe which would decrease the water in the pipe then there is no problem. Mr. Adams felt it is something that must be observed. He suggested it is surface and Mr. Hugus disagreed. He explained there is no surface water going into the catch basin which is above the ground surface. Mr. Beggs questioned whether he should put the retention wall back up or wait. He inquired about the next steps and Mr. Hugus stated the municipality will continue to monitor it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else to come forward at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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