

MINUTES – KOPPEL BOROUGH WORKING MEETING
August 6, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Municipal Building

PRESENT

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller
President – Tom Sobona
Vice President – Jeff Dengler
Anna Marie Plavecsky
Brett Plavecsky
Rich Serge
Susan Krawchyk

Police Chief Warren and Sergeant Squicquero

GUESTS PRESENT

Dave Plavecsky, Skye Cider, Matthew Taylor, Sam Crangi

MOTIONS

- A motion was made to begin construction on a pavilion at the park. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to pay Sam Crangi \$7,500 for labor and materials to add a sewer line to the portable bathroom at the park and also make necessary connections. All in favor and all approved.
- A motion was made to authorize Tom Sobona, as president, to sign the Assignment Letter to Beaver County that Solicitor Budicak will forward to Beaver County Commissioners. All in favor and all approved.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Matt Taylor from the IMBS Club spoke about the concerns that residents are having with the Club. As far as the noise complaints, they have implemented no playing bocci after 12 PM. It's a little harder during the tournaments and on the weekends. They are looking into installing another court so it doesn't take as long to play during the tournaments. Covering the fences to help mitigate some of the noise is also being looked at. The parking issue could be helped by having someone directing traffic. Someone suggested parking in a lot nearby and possibly escort people to the club via a golf cart or something similar. For the tournament next year, they may hire security. Matt wondered why, all of a sudden, they are getting complaints about the club, since these tournaments have been going on for many years. They Mayor said no one really came to the council meetings to make a complaint until the last few meetings. Everyone agreed to continue to work together to find a solution that benefits all. Council really appreciated that Matt showed up to discuss the issues.
- The Mayor read an email from Kristen Johnson from EADS outlining some concerns that Wilson Excavating has before the Storm Sewer Replacement Project begins. There is a meeting on August 9th with EADS, PAW, the Mayor and Wilson. The project could begin as early as August 19th.
- Councilman Rich Serge presented a plan for a 20x35 carport, which could be used as a pavilion. The general opinion is that it was too small and wouldn't work.
- The Mayor met with PA American Water. As long as there is a meter pit installed, they will treat the water hookup as reinstating existing service. This was very generous of PAW to do this.

- Councilwoman Susan Krawchyk presented two bids for a 28x40 pavilion One for \$14,200, and the other for \$23,000. Susan placed two more phone calls for bids, but there was no interest.
- Sergeant Squicquero starts his advanced EMT training, which will last until December, so his attendance at the meetings will be limited.
- The car on 3rd Avenue with the expired inspection has been moved.
- The Koppel Borough website is now koppelborough.gov All employees and council members will have their own [.gov](mailto:) email address.
- The Mayor, Councilwomen Anna Marie Plavecsky and Councilman Brett Plavecsky attended a training thru Penn State at the Center for Dirt and Gravel Roads Studies. It is a mandatory training to apply for a low volume, dirt and gravel road grant. They do not require a match but would like to see some type of in-kind match or donation. There was much discussion on which alleys would need done first and the requirements if a grant is awarded. More details to follow.
- New Galilee reached out to our Police Department to see if there was interest in contracted coverage for their community. Chief Warren is drafting a contract and will forward to Solicitor Budicak for review.
- Councilman Rich Serge has been in touch with Shell for possible donations to the park. They asked to see a plan.
- Councilwoman Anna Marie Plavecsky approached Armstrong for a donation to the park. They want a letter sent showing the plans for the park. They also requested that they be recognized if they decide to donate.
- The Mayor will look into the cost of putting in swings and will reach out to get a quote. Depending on the cost, we should be able to pay for this out of our General Fund.
- Councilwoman Anna Marie Plavecsky reviewed loan payments and details for a loan of \$110,000. Due to the fact that it is so late in the season to be adding any additional items to the playground, it was decided that we wait until spring to make a final decision on the loan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm