

MINUTES – March 6, 2023

Borough of Cambridge Springs

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 161 Carringer Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Gorske at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jennifer Howell, Marci Dickson, Delores Hale, Jeremy Ball, Larry Morrow and Brian Harmon. Also present were: Cambridge Township Supervisors Kevin Cole, Charlie Bauer, Bernie Blystone, Township Secretary Debra Merritt and Manager Sandy Pude.

Recreation Areas - Discussion with Cambridge Township, Little League & Little Gridders

Josh Snow representing the Little League provided a list of items and estimates they would like to have at the Brink Drive fields. Those include:

1. a bull pen on field #1 – approximate cost \$650 plus the fence cost, TBD
2. turf for the batting cage – approximate cost \$850
3. a scoreboard for field #1 – approximate cost \$3,000
4. a tee ball field – cost TBD

Snow said that the electric project from last year has been completed. The REC donated the underground wire for that project and the Crawford County Vo-Tech students and instructor did the work. Also, Dustin Bausch donated the batting cage last year. They also plan to raise funds to help with the purchase of the scoreboard.

Carl Franz representing the Little Gridders said they would like to replace their existing shed that they use for a concession stand and storage with a new one. They would like to have one large enough for a concession stand and storage. They would also like to have an announcers stand built along with it. Carl said he will get some estimates on materials, but feels he could do the work himself. They also requested permission to install some post where sponsorship signs can be placed.

Angie Mumford representing the Softball League was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a list of items they would like to have for Stine Fields. Those include:

1. 3 portable toilets
2. 2 loads of field dirt
3. new batting cage foundation and a metal frame to hold the net
4. lumber & paint to finish the backstop

Pude said the current balance in the Recreation Fund is \$19,902.69. That amount includes the Borough's 2023 allocation of \$5,000 as well as the \$5,000 from the sale of the Youth Activities building.

The Borough Council and Township Supervisors thanked the representatives for coming to the meeting to discuss the improvements.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the February 20, 2023 Borough Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	abstain	6 yes 1 abstain
HARMON	-	yes	MORROW	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED

Solicitor's Report – None

Engineer's Report – None

Committee Reports

Administration & Finance – None

Police Committee – None

Land Use & General Safety – The Committee has changed their meetings to the second Monday @ 3:30 p.m.

Public Works – None

Report on Operations – A written report was submitted

Hearing of Citizens and Taxpayers - None

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion -Proposed Application for Short Term Rentals

Rodney and Debbie Miller and Amber Livermore said they have not had a chance to do much work on their suggestions on the proposed application because they have been working on getting the new flower shop on Wall Street open.

They asked Council to reconsider closing down a portion of Wall Street for an outdoor seating/gathering space.

Hale said that this was discussed a couple of years ago and Council decided that it wasn't feasible.

They asked if Council might consider closing it May 1st through either October or November 1st and have it open during the winter when there wouldn't be a need for the outdoor seating.

Council asked Pude to discuss with Attorney Shaddinger what would be necessary to have the closure put in place.

New & Other Business

1. Investment of Funds

A motion was made by Morrow to transfer a majority of the Borough's investment to 1865 Wealth Advisors to invest \$250,00 in each of the five funds that were presented and leave \$50,000 with GBU which has a guaranteed 3% interest. Interest will be withdrawn each year and deposited into the Borough Capital Improvement Account. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	yes	7 yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

Additional Agenda Items

1. Settlement Agreement – Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company – Surety Bond for Raccoon Refuse

2. Agreement with Deiss & Halmi Engineering – Recreation Area

A motion was made by Morrow to add these two items to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	yes	7 yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

1. Settlement Agreement

A motion was made by Morrow to accept the Settlement Agreement with Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company, the Surety Bondholder for Raccoon Refuse in the amount of \$48,161. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	yes	7 yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

2. Agreement with Deiss & Halmi Engineering – Recreation Area

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the agreement with Deiss & Halmi to develop a concept plan and budget for the DCNR Grant application. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	yes	7 yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

Approval of monthly invoices

A motion was made by Morrow to approve payment of the invoices. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	yes	7 yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

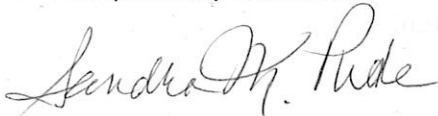
Adjournment

A motion was made by Morrow to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ball. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	BALL	-	yes	7 yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The Council met in Executive Session with Attorney Shaddinger.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude, Borough Manager