

BETHEL PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 20, 2017

Attendees: 14 attendees, including Guest Speaker, Lorrie Gibbons

Guest Speaker: Lorrie Gibbons, Council Member, Ward 9, discussed changes and updates in the Municipality.

In the Department of Cod Enforcement we have Todd and Dennis, and we are looking for a new hire.

John Quindlan is the new engineer, and we are looking for another.

Ashley Moore, representative from Bethel Park Community Services, gave an update on municipality affairs.

Enterprise Boulevard will be paved this year.

The Storm Water Study is ongoing.

Grants –

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) 2014 Community Partnerships Program Grant: the Municipality received a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to identify needed repairs and upgrades for each of the 14 Municipality owned and operated parks. This assessment prioritized those repairs and upgrades such as updated equipment and community amenities. The study is nearing completion and the report will be available in the coming weeks. The study will also be used as a guide to pursue grant funding to make the upgrades.

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (ACED) Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant: the Municipality has been awarded a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for community park improvements. The parks identified for improvements were Simmons Park, Village Green, and Millennium Park. The grant allowed us to purchase and install new playground equipment and a pavilion for Village Green Park, a new sport court for Millennium Park, and modification to courts at Simmons Park for Pickle ball. The new equipment is now in place at all parks.

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Grants: the Municipality has been awarded a grant from DCED to fund improvements to Simmons Park. The improvements include new playground equipment. The Municipality is in the process of selecting the appropriate equipment for the park.

The Municipality is pursuing numerous grants that would fund improvements to the Municipal parks.

An application was submitted to the State (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) that would fund improvements to Village Green Park for two regulation and one practice size lacrosse and soccer fields. Also being proposed is an accessible walkway and parking lot expansion.

An application was submitted to the County (Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County's Community Tourism and Infrastructure Fund (CITF)) for improvements to Miner's Park for baseball field improvements, new walkway, and rehabilitation of the existing concession stand and bathroom facilities.

An application is currently being prepared to be submitted to the County (Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County's Gaming Economic Development Fund (GEDF) for additional improvements to Simmons Park. The improvements will include surfacing for new playground equipment, baseball field improvements, a new concession stand/bathroom, and splash pad.

An application is currently being prepared to be submitted to the County (Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and the Allegheny County Health Department's Active Allegheny Grant Program (AAGP)) for improvements to provide safer connections. The connections will connect the Montour Trail to South Park.

Shawn Arbaugh, Director of Community Services, added that the municipality is looking for a grant to extend the Montour Trail to South Park. It would extend through the Industrial Park, to Miners Park, to South Park.

In the next election the offices of Mayor and Wards 1; 3; 5; 7 and 9 are all up for re-election.

An auto parts store has submitted an application for the Warehouse Café site.

Planet Fitness has applied for a variance at the Foodland site.

The Public Works building site should wrap up around December.

Plant Service Company has moved into 5360 Progress Boulevard.

The YMCA will have its grand opening on May 1.

Senior living apartments are planned for the corner of Limestone and McMurray.

Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: We now have 33 memberships.

The balance in the checking account is \$9,079.21.

Mike Bock has filed a tax form with the IRS for the Association as a non-profit.

Membership Report: We still need a candidate for the Membership Committee.

Old Business:

Clean up day is this Saturday. The Municipality will supply vests and gloves. Anyone interested in participating should meet at PS Wood Machines, located at 3032 Industrial Boulevard at 10:00 am.

The Municipality will pay for flowers to be planted at the entrance to the Industrial Park. We will have to plant them and tend them. Anyone interested in participating, you can refer to the Facebook page conversation.

Signage for the planting area was discussed.

New Business:

Website: Noah, our assistant from Bethel Park High School, was involved with the school play, which took up his time. He is now dedicating time to working on our website.

Facebook: If you are interesting in joining the Industrial Park group, do a search for the Bethel Park Business Association, closed group, and click "join."

Overlay District: The Municipality needs direction from the Industrial Park on hardships we have encountered.

Shade Tree Commission: They are still trying to assemble enough members.

Lines will be painted on the roads in the Industrial Park in June or July.

It was voted to donate \$500 from the Association to the Old Schoolhouse to help defray the cost of new windows.

An election slate for new officers of the Association will be formed next month. Voting will take place in June. Paid members of the Association will receive notice.

Ron Perkins of PA CareerLink Pittsburgh-Allegheny County sent a notice of the job services they offer – most of which are free. Barb will send notice to Industrial Park residents.

It was voted to extend a free Association membership to Verichek for their generosity in the use of their facilities to conduct meetings.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, May 18

Thursday, June 22

All meetings start at 12:00, with a free lunch at 11:30. Please plan to attend the next meeting. Your input on issues is valued and appreciated.