

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023 – 7:00PM

Meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually on www.zoom.us. Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Ms. Cimarolli.

Present included: Justine Cimarolli, Michael Tolmer, Dale Livingston, Melissa Guiliani, Elizabeth Bellaver and Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager / Zoning Officer

Absent: None.

Public comment (on / off agenda) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:

Mr. Richard Deneen, 1120 Bank Street, questioned the Commission as to why the sculpture of a young girl playing by a stop sign that is on display at the Borough Building through the 2023 Public Art Bridgeville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition is not a white child. He said that 94% of the Borough's population is white and believed that the sculpture should be of a white child and not African American.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- **March 27, 2023**

Motion to adopt the March 27, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Guiliani; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Active Transportation Plan:

- a. Chartiers St. / Lesnett Rd. / Bank St. / Mayview Rd. Roundabout & Alternatives Concept: University of Pittsburgh engineering students Matt Mason and Emma Morian:

The engineering students presented multiple concepts to improve the safety and functionality of the intersection including a four-way stop, traffic signal (two and three phases) and a roundabout. Their study reviewed the projected construction costs, risks, detours needed, traffic counts, the feasibility of each concept relationship to others including traffic modeling. Their report concluded that a single-lane roundabout is the best option to improve this intersection and gateway.

- b. Quarterly Implementation Discussion: The Borough Manager reviewed the projects proposed in the Active Transportation Plan. He stated that this year the Commission has advanced the street lighting improvements in the first quarter and suggested that this quarter the Romano Drive to McLaughlin Run Park Trail Project be studied and a formal plan prepared to improve this trail. The Commission agreed and will work on developing this plan over the next couple of months.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Comprehensive Plan Update –Project Update to the Community

- a. Ms. Cimarolli reviewed the proposed McLaughlin Run Park Meadow Project in partnership with the Rotary Club.

Mr. Tolmer stated that the Rotary Club could possibly get grant funding of \$5,000 for the project and a request was made to develop multiple phases for the project. Mr. Livingston stated that the Lion's Club will discuss partnering with this project at their next meeting. Manager Kauer stated that he'll also look for other grant projects to help fund this project's development.

2. Zoning Amendment Proposal on Placement of Off-Street Parking Pads (continued discussion)
Ms. Cimarolli proposed a concept using the format Carnegie uses that limits the area of the front yard dedicated to the parking pad and recommended a design that should be used.

Mr. Tolmer recommended that no parking pads be permitted in the front yards and if there is a hardship, the resident could apply for relief from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Bellaver agreed. Motion by Mr. Tolmer, seconded by Ms. Bellaver to recommend to Borough Council that the Borough's Zoning Ordinance be amended to prohibit the placement of parking pads in the front yards in residential districts; motion carried unanimously.

3. Street Trees / Flood Lots Repurposing
 - a. Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Baldwin Street Lot Repurposing Survey is available in the Borough Building Lobby, Website, Facebook, Text Alert, and Newsletter. She said surveys will be accepted through May 15, 2023; adding that to-date 253 responses have been received.
 - b. Fall Shade Tree Program: Ms. Cimarolli stated that she'll review with the Tree Pittsburgh Forester our plan and ask him what tree type would be best for the locations proposed so far. She added that she has received approval from the Post Office to plant street trees in front of their building and is waiting to hear back from Bethany Church.
4. Rental Property Inspection Program (concept) – continued discussion:
Ms. Cimarolli recommended that the Commission ask the Manager to research and provide the Commission with copies of Ordinances for this program from other communities in the area. The members agreed. She also asked the Manager for a copy of our current Rental Registration records so that she can see where the current landlords currently operate from.
5. Spring Litter Clean-Up Event Recap:
Ms. Guiliani stated that the event went well and had a good turnout despite the poor weather last Saturday. She thanked the Public Works crews for picking up the bags of litter collected and recommended that next year we partner with the library as they had the Garden Exchange event the same day. Ms. Guiliani stated that she is open to suggestions and ways to improve the event next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL ITEMS) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue, stated that some things on the Planning Commission's lists can escape the list and proceed with no action, including the zoning change proposed tonight on parking pads.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tolmer, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Zoning Officer