

BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, March 4, 2009
7:00 pm

President, Thomas Paul, called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Decker, Faith Diascro, Paul Snyder, Charles McCleary, John Smith, Mark Rober

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary, Darlene Stoudt, Mayor, David Schiffgens

VISITORS:

Adam Kulp, Troop 591, Eagle Scout Project.

Adam Kulp asked permission from council to construct three flagpoles on the grass area of the Red Hill Fire Company with a start date for the project April 2009.

Tom Paul asked Adam Kulp to present a drawing of the plan to council before a motion can be passed.

ACTION ON MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2009 was made by John Smith and seconded by Charles McCleary. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: -

Tom Diascro, 920 Vanguard Drive, Anthony Ferrigo, 904 Vanguard Drive asked council on the permitted parking area on 11th Street. Tom Paul stated that an ordinance will be drafted to specify banning parking 20ft from both sides of the designated school bus area.

Tom Diascro asked council the possibility of increasing the parking spaces in the open space area. Tom Paul stated that HOA needs to ask the RH Planning commission if this permissible. The borough will contact LTL for direction on this issue.

Tom Diascro asked council if SKATEBOARDS could be removed from to the designated sign for the walking trail. Tom Paul stated that the borough will contact LTL for an answer to this issue.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

RHPC/UPRPC: David Schiffgens

UPRPC:

David Schiffgens addressed council on the goals and objectives for the Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Topics of discussion were as follows:

- Reduction of amount of the colors on the map
- UPVRC would be a model for other communities
- Discussion on goals and objectives from the 2001 UPVRC Plan
- UPVRC Plan update Municipal priorities questionnaire – meeting the concerns of the municipalities input from the questionnaire.

RHPC - No meeting for the March.

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

Charles McCleary made a motion to hire Kalin F. Schweizerhof and Thomas Paul for the RHB summer help program at the hourly rate of \$10.00/hour and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 with one abstention by Thomas D. Paul, President of RHB.

Red Hill Borough Cleaning Services – Tabled

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker**GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith**

John Smith addressed the following issues:

- John Deere Back hoe was delivered to the borough.

PARKS & RECREATION: - Paul Snyder

Paul Snyder toured the park with Todd Dawson, Todd's Tree Service. Paul Snyder stated the trees closes to the Turtle play toy are in very poor condition and should be cut down before spring.

Doris Decker made a motion to give Paul Snyder the authority to hire Todd's Tree Service to cut down the trees with the stipulation that the bill will not exceed \$1000.00 and Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Snyder contacted Susan Smoll about planting a site barrier of arborvitae for cosmetic appearance for the recycling center. Susan Smoll advised other types of shrubbery for the area. Tom Paul stated that Paul Snyder should contact Susan Smoll for a price for any other low maintenance trees for the area.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro**OPEN SPACE: - Doris Decker**

Doris Decker advised council that an Open Space meeting is scheduled March 11th for recommendation to council for the distribution of Red Hill's Open Space money to be given to Upper Hanover Township.

MAYOR: David Schiffgens**ENGINEER: LTL – Norman Ulrich****SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman****SECRETARY/TREASURER: – Darlene Stoudt****PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul**

Tom Paul adjourned the meeting for an executive session at 8:16 pm on a personnel issue.

Tom Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:03.

Charles McCleary made a motion to change the appointment of LTL Consultants, LTD to Barry Isett & Associates, Inc on 3/12/09, pending confirmation from the solicitor and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Doris Decker questioned the snow plowing curb to curb. This method of plowing is very labor intense and she suggested that council should investigate another method of plowing. After much discussion, Tom Paul suggested council to consider amending the ordinance.

Adjournment: - On a motion of Mark Rober, second by John Smith and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt

