

OFFICIAL MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2015

The Regular Meeting of October 5, 2015, of Council for the Borough of Kennett Square was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Clay Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 423 Dalmatian Street, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with President Leon R. Spencer, Jr. in the Chair.

Present: *President Leon R. Spencer, Jr.*
Vice President Danilo P. Maffei
Councilmember Geoffrey R. Bosley
Councilmember Brett M. Irwin
Councilmember George P. Plumley, III
Councilmember D. Lynn Sinclair
Councilmember Patrick B. Taylor
Mayor Matthew W. Fetick
Borough Manager Joseph C. Scalise
Junior Council Person Meliton Gomez
Solicitor Marc Jonas

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

President Spencer announced that Council held an Informational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss legal matters. The meeting was held in Bayard Taylor Room of the Kennett Fire Company No. 1, 423 Dalmatian Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments from the floor.

PROCLAMATION

OCTOBER 2015 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Terry Moody, Director of Development and Communications, and Clara Vasquez, Counselor and Legal Advocate from the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. The proclamation declared October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Borough of Kennett Square.

Ms. Moody thanked the Mayor and Council. She spoke on the current statistics of domestic violence nationwide which is not just physical but verbal as well and affects both men and women. She also noted that one (1) in three (3) teenagers are victims of dating abuse.

Clara Vasquez advised that she is in the satellite office located in La Comunidad Hispana and works closely with the Police Departments in the area.

REPORTS

CODES DEPARTMENT

On behalf of Russell Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer, the Manager reported the following activity in the Codes Department for the month of September, 2015:

- Completed 186 inspections.
- Received 174 telephone calls into the office.
- Received 113 visitors at the office.
- Processed 37 permits – Building/Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical.
- Completed 12 Resale Use and Occupancy Inspections.
- Condemned one (1) house located at 307 East State Street for electrical fire issues.
- Issued 15 High Grass Violation Notices.
- Attended one (1) Zoning Hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

On behalf of Russell Drumheller, Codes Enforcement Officer, the Manager reported that the PC continues to work on the Stan Ab and Cannery Row projects. They will discuss repealing the ARB zoning provisions at their October meeting.

HISTORIC KENNETT SQUARE (HKS)

Mary Hutchins, Executive Director, reported the following:

- HKS is gearing up for the Brewfest to be held this Saturday, October 10th.
- They hosted “Meet the Candidates” last week at Philter.
- The Economic Study kick off meeting is scheduled for next Friday.
- Working with Longwood Gardens on the MOU for the “Christmas in Kennett” shuttle.
- Considering a “Pop Up Park” around the Christmas tree which would include chairs or benches. May add programming on Saturdays during the shuttle hours.
- Working on the other holiday events.
- A ribbon cutting was held on October 2nd for Connoisseur Travel, a new business at 312 West State Street.
- There will be a videographer in the Borough on Wednesday filming for a video for Brandywione.com – the Chester County Conference and Visitor’s Bureau.

KENNETT AREA PARK AUTHORITY (KAPA)

Richard Lyon, President of KAPA, highlighted his quarterly report with the following:

- KAPA partnered with La Comunidad Hispana for the successful “Vive tu Vida! Get Up! Get Moving!” on September 26th.
- Over 700 people attended the Park fundraiser concert featuring Love Seed Momma Jump. The money raised will go to the reforestation of the Park.
- The free Summer Concert Series was a huge success drawing in record crowds.
- Looking into alternatives to their present septic field which failed during the concert series.
- CMC Design Consultant has been retained for the Improvement Project. KAPA hired an additional part time professional to help coordinate the management of the project.
- Participated in the Mushroom Festival Parade and had an informational booth during the Festival.
- Kennett Brewing Company will be utilizing the trails throughout the Park for a fundraiser event on November 14th.
- The first wedding will be held in the park on October 10th and the Monster Mash will be held at the end of October.
- Local teenagers from the Youth Garage have been working on beautifying the concrete blocks in the lower parking lot.
- KAPA was awarded a grant from the Kennett Run Charities to help with the purchase of a new outdoor drinking fountain.

KENNETT AREA PARK and RECREATION BOARD (KAPRB)

Claire Finrock, Program Director, highlighted her quarterly report with the following:

- The improvements continue at Herb Pennock Park with the installation of new split rail fencing and bleachers. Signs have also been posted throughout the park to increase public safety and to protect the property.
- Projects at the Park for 2016-2017 include the purchase of a new playground and possibly resurfacing the current parking lot.
- Grants KAPRB received in 2015 were awarded by the Borough, Kennett Township, the Mushroom Festival, Exelon, Kennett Rotary, New Garden Township, T D Bank and Wal-Mart.
- Summer Camp had another successful season with over 120 children participating.
- There were approximately 300 participants in the Mushroom Festival 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk. She thanked the Kennett Square and Kennett Township Police Departments for their assistance.
- New to KAPRB this year is the Golf Clinic. This is a 6-week clinic for children ages 8 - 14.
- Registration is now open for the Volleyball and Jr. Basketball Leagues.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

President Spencer presented the minutes from September 21, 2015.

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Sinclair to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS

President Spencer presented the bills to be paid on October 5, 2015, and the bills that were paid since the last meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Bosley and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FREE HOLIDAY PARKING

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th and DECEMBER 17, 2015 through JANUARY 3, 2016

President Spencer presented the request from Mary Hutchins, Historic Kennett Square, on behalf of the downtown merchants for three (3) free hours of parking on Small Business Saturday, November 28th, and again from Thursday, December 17, 2015 through Sunday, January 3, 2016.

It was moved by Councilmember Sinclair and seconded by Councilmember Irwin to approve the free parking as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

LONGWOOD GARDENS HOLIDAY PARKING PROGRAM

President Spencer presented the MOU for the Holiday Parking Program between Longwood Gardens, Inc. and the Borough of Kennett Square.

Mary Hutchins advised that the shuttle will be in operation on Saturdays only from November 28th through December 26th and will transport visitors from the Borough to the Gardens every 30 minutes from 3 to 8 p.m. The last return shuttle to the Borough will leave the Gardens at approximately 10:30 p.m.

The Manager advised that the visitors are instructed to park in the Borough Parking Garage and board the shuttle at the corner of State and Union Streets.

Ms. Hutchins also advised that Longwood Gardens will install signage and decorate in this vicinity.

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the MOU as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION HALLOWEEN PARADE, OCTOBER 25th

President Spencer presented the special event application for the Halloween Parade, Sunday, October 25th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The parade begins at Lafayette and West State Streets, proceeds east on State Street and ends in the 100 block of South Broad Street.

Kathleen Caccamo, owner of Bedbugzz, stated that this is the tenth year for the Halloween Parade. The merchants have received very positive feedback from the participants and want to continue this annual event.

It was moved by Vice President Maffei and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the application as presented.

Councilmember Plumley questioned why the parade is now held during the day and on a Sunday.

Ms. Caccamo advised that when it was held in the evening it seemed to have a witchery feeling that participants didn't care for.

Councilmember Sinclair added that it was also held on a school night which made it difficult for families.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Spencer announced that Mary Hricik has resigned from the Shade Tree Commission, effective October 3, 2015. Currently there are two (2) vacancies on the Commission and the Commission is unable to meet at this time because there is no quorum. President Spencer asked the newspaper reporters to help spread the word that volunteers are needed.

President Spencer announced that the County's final Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for 2015 is this Saturday, October 10th, at the Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester. He noted that no electronics will be accepted at this event.

President Spencer announced that the Borough will be partnering with Kennett and New Garden Townships to host a residential electronics collection and document shred event on December 5th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Kennett High School. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

President Spencer advised that he and Councilmember Bosley serve on the Fire Control Board. During the Board's meeting this past Saturday, a pilot program was introduced and he asked Fire Chief Plumley to provide more details.

EMS PILOT PROGRAM

Fire Chief Plumley advised that Christiana Care reached out to Kennett Fire Company regarding a bilingual program they developed to assist with EMS calls. From an office at Christiana Care, a bilingual medical staff member will communicate with the emergency personnel, when necessary, during ambulance calls via Face Time. This pilot program will begin within the next few weeks.

Jr. Council Person Gomez stated that this is a great program which will be very beneficial to the Hispanic members of our community.

COUNCIL, MANAGER and MAYOR COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Plumley and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Karen L. Scherer
Secretary