

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
Via Teleconference
May 19, 2020
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Joshua Bennett, Art Cicero, Linda Echard, Ray Strosko, Tom Theis and Mayor Ronald Echard. Also: Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin. Absent: Scott Sistik.

Call to Order

President Raymond Strosko called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Prayer

Linda recited a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Todd made a motion seconded by Josh to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Council Additions to Agenda

There were no council additions to the agenda.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments.

Agenda

1. Discussion on Opening or Keeping Park Closed

Todd made a motion seconded by Josh to reopen the park on May 22, 2020 at 8 AM with the following stipulations: bathrooms to reopen and to be sanitized daily but can only be used by one person at a time and masks must be worn, keep playground equipment and baseball field closed and roped off; Proper signage is to installed throughout the park. Motion passed with Josh, Art, Linda, and Todd voting *yes* and Tom and Ray voting *no*.

Linda made a motion seconded by Tom to cancel all pavilion rentals in May and June, and to not accept any rentals in those months as well. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion on Whether to Operate Farmers' Market in 2020

Linda made a motion seconded by Tom to work toward opening the Farmers' Market on July 9th. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion on Whether to Reopen Borough Building

Todd made a motion seconded by Josh to reopen the borough building on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 8 AM; visitors are to maintain social distancing, and wear masks; signage is to be installed letting visitors know requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion on Whether to Have Council Meetings in the Borough Building

Todd made a motion seconded by Josh to hold the June 2, 2020 meeting virtually because there would not be sufficient space to have the council members, mayor, staff and public all practice social distancing. Everyone voted in favor with the exception of Art who voted *no*.

Additional Opportunities for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Announcements

Linda asked about the rescheduling of the community yard sale. At the previous meeting it was decided to postpone it until August or September, but no date was chosen.

Josh made a motion seconded by Todd to move the Community Yard Sale to September 19, 2020, if we are in the green phase of the Governor's protocol. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray asked about the check from Eat'n Park to reimburse solicitor and engineering expenses. Jeff stated that the representative he spoke to said it is on its way.

Jeff stated that at the last meeting the discussion was that the fireworks would take place instead of the Community Picnic. He asked if the idea to cancel the picnic was definitive. The council agreed that there will be no picnic in 2020.

Linda announced that the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association dinner has been canceled for 2020.

Ray thanked Rob Cammarata for all of his help in preparing for the fireworks display that is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion seconded by Art to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary