



5:45 Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

The following Council members and Borough officials were in attendance:

- Borough Council:
- Helen Hlahol, President
 - John Vitarelli, Vice President
 - Melissa Johnson
 - Marie Kelso
 - Andrew Lubin
 - Luke McKee (via phone)
 - Kathryn Price Engelhard
 - Scott Robinson
- Borough Officials:
- Judith Danko, Borough Manager
 - Gary Wallace, Mayor
 - Randy Flager, Solicitor
 - Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

Mr. Flager stated we had an executive session discussing personnel matters, litigation matters and labor negotiations.

Ms. Hlahol stated, now comes the fun part I'm going to turn this over to Chief Simpson we have some presentations for our officers.

2. Community Announcements and Presentations

- a. Recognition Ceremonies:
- Oath of Office Ceremony for three new FT police officers; Dominic Chrzanowski, Amanda DeLuca, Matthew Leonhauser
 - Life Saving Efforts Award; Officer Lew Halas
 - Presentation of retirement credentials; Erica McIntyre
- b. Welcome R&C Multiservices, LLC (convenience store), 118 W. Bridge St.

Ms. Hlahol stated I just want to remind everyone that this Saturday, April 20th, iKalpulli Tlalhuizilli Earth Day festivities are happening down at the corner of Philadelphia and Delmorr from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. it's always nice to see so everyone please come join them. On April 21st on Sunday there's going to be a spring tree planting at 10:00 a.m. at Williamson Park. May 4th at Graystones there's going



to be a woods cleanup at 10:00 a.m. meeting at the corner of Crown and Highland Avenue and on May 11th a busy day Spring Nature Walk at 10:00 a.m. at the Riverfront Preserve at the corner of Philadelphia and Delmorr and the MBA Car Show starts at 4:30 until 8:00 p.m. on East Bridge Street so lots to do this coming month.

3. Community Outreach

a. **Zoning Hearing Board:** remainder of a 3-year appointment expires 1/8/27. Letter of interest from Michele McGowan (currently alternate member).

Nomination of Michele McGowan for the term expiring 1/8/27 made by Ms. Hlahol.

Vote to appoint Michele McGowan to the Zoning Hearing Board carried by voice vote 8-0.

b. **Zoning Hearing Board:** One 3-year appointment (alternate) expires 1/4/27.

4. Engineer Report

a. Kurt Schroeder of Gilmore Associates; road paving

5. Borough Manager Report

Manager Danko stated good evening everyone. As again we've been talking about this for some time we finally are going to have the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bridge Street Project. The date is April 24th at 3 p.m. we're working towards parking over at the fireworks company and we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 pm, the Secretary of DCNR will be present and hoping that as many of council persons can attend the Mayor and so forth you're all invited please come out and celebrate it's a wonderful celebration for finally having this project come to fruition we're happy to say that. The next item is the CDBG grant that we had a lot of help from Gilmore, Jacob and Kurt thank you. We believe that we may have \$300,000 towards this project what has to take place is the Bucks County Commissioners at this point have to do their final vote and hopefully as soon as we find out we'll be moving forward with some new items at Manor Park taking down the old equipment and putting some new stuff up so you'll hear more about that in the future. We're working on a Handicap Parking Ordinance, Attorney Holbert had provided the ordinance to Mike Italia and myself and I sent it to Chief Simpson so we're all working together to do a review we're hoping to have that on the May agenda for advertisement to approve advertisement. We're also working on a Draft Noise and Disorderly Premises Ordinance we received that from Attorney Holbert, Chief Simpson and Mike Italia also have that for review we're hoping to have that on the May agenda for a motion to advertise as well. We've also created a workspace for the Borough Tax Collector on the very first floor because we did have some residents complain regarding having to come up here on the second level of Borough Hall so for the convenience we now have the Tax Collector collecting on the first floor level and for everyone just so everyone's aware she's here on Friday afternoons. I also secured a donation we talked about this last month just shortly for \$80,000 for an outfitted Chevy Tahoe for the Borough Police Truck Enforcement it would be a fully outfitted Chevy Tahoe so the Police Department could also utilize it for not only truck enforcement but policing so that vehicle was ordered and we're happy to announce that we'll have a donation for that also collaborating with the Council President Helen regarding Waste Management for donation for scale replacement for the Police Truck Traffic Enforcement. That's all I have thank you.



6. Solicitor Report

Mr. Flager stated good evening everyone nice to see everyone. There were some questions about whether we could have a cigarette or liquor tax when I was on Council in New Hope we had all those bars we wanted to charge 10 cents a drink like they do in Philly. Philadelphia is a city of the first class they have powers that were given to them by the state legislature that we can't even dream of and they use those powers because they have tremendous needs and not enough income so they tax everything under the sun we don't have that ability. People have asked me well we should have a cigarette tax or we should have a liquor tax I'm not against it but no Township, Borough has that power in fact even Pittsburgh doesn't have a lot of that power Philadelphia has that power and the only way to change that is to get your state legislature to change the law which I was told after I made contacts with the various state representatives that we have that there is very little chance that could ever get passed because there were so many other priorities really things that needed to be done that have never been done that to get this done but that is not to stop each and every one of you from contacting anyone you wish who represent us to express your opinion but that's the answer to that question and that's my report for tonight. Thank you.

7. Police Chief's Report

There was no report this evening.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from the 3/19/24 council meeting.
- b. Approval of bill list from 3/1/24 to 3/31/24 in the amount of \$442,697.41.
- c. Approval of closing Bridge Street, per special event permit, for approximately 5-15 minutes for ribbon cutting ceremony on 4/24/24 at 3:00 pm, pending PennDOT approval.
- d. Approval of Police Directive 308 – Bucks County Co-Responder Program.
- e. Approval of Single Audit with Barbacane, Thorton and Company for the Bridge Street Project in the amount of \$5,000.00 due to federal grant funding requirements.
- f. Approval of the request of Police Officer Gary Zumpano, former employee of Morrisville Borough Police Department, to retain his bullet-resistant vest, which expires in 11 months, February of 2025. This item is owned by the Borough and is a personally fit item, which has little to no value for our use.
- g. Call for motion to approve revised Civil Service Rules.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
Discussion took place regarding the motions.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

1. Nancy Sherlock – Morrisville

She stated I just wanted to know what the changes were for the Civil Service. What changes were made not everybody can attend those meetings. To approve the revised Civil Service Rules. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated there were just a couple rule changes it had to do with background checks.



Mr. Robinson stated in a nut shell what we did is before the rules stated that the background checks had to be completed before we could make an offer of employment where now it'll be a conditional offer of employment pending the background check because it was slowing us down hiring people.

2. Kathryn Panzitta – *Hillcrest Avenue*

She stated I have a question on the revised Civil Service rules in light of hiring three people was that a correction to do it or they were hired and when do these rules go into effect?

Mr. Robinson stated they'll go into effect tonight if we vote on it and if we vote it down then they won't. We're voting on it tonight so obviously they would go into effect tonight.

Ms. Hlahol stated I don't think there was any error done in hiring the officers I think it was just a matter of there were new Civil Service rules last fall and when they were hiring the officers they found ways of streamlining the process so they were just making adjustment to streamline.

Mr. Robinson stated and if we hire someone let's say we have 10 candidates the way the system was before we'd have to do 10 background checks even if we're only hiring three officers or two officers off the list we would be doing 10 background checks before we hired them which is a waste of time and a waste of money where now we have 10 people on a list we hire two, we're doing two background checks and if one of those background checks comes back bad then that person's gone.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

9. Action Items

- a. Motion to approve borough co-sponsoring Jazz Festival on Sunday, August 18, 2024 in Williamson Park, Co-sponsorship request includes use of the stage, a portable toilet and insurance for the event.

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Vitarelli.

Discussion took place regarding the motions.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

1. Kathryn Panzitta – *Hillcrest Ave*

She stated welcome to the Jack in the Box. When you look at this if any organization is going to use your Park they're going to pay for the entertainment at their cost and actually have an event that people might want to come to your town how could you possibly say no? If you look at the insurance and I don't care maybe we're going to talk about a port-a-potty didn't you have a port-a-potty in behind the stage for other events you did last year?

Ms. Hlahol stated, Kathy I don't think anybody said they're against this.

Kathryn Panzitta stated why didn't you put it as a consent item? What makes it the difference is that this has to come down here versus a consent.



2. Nancy Sherlock – *Morrisville*

She stated I am here this evening to ask that Council, I encourage Council to support this particular event and as Helen said it would be gratis for the stage and the port-a-potty which is one of my questions for later but maybe that could be answered now will there be one down there this summer as there was last year given that we have a number of events happening? This event brings people not just from Morrisville but from surrounding towns and just to give you a quick lineup of who's going to be there we have the student band it's Newtown School Jazz Band, Fascinating Rhythm is the big band, Jill Salkin Trio she's a vocalist and we also have Suzette Ortiz and the Riverside Quartet so it's a full day from 1:00 – 8:00 pm so any assistance will be much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Mrs. Johnson stated excuse me Nancy you mentioned a vocalist and between the vocalist and the quartet was the other person a vocalist also?

Nancy Sherlock stated no she's the only vocalist although I didn't give it in order of their appearance I'm sorry.

Mrs. Johnson stated no I was just curious like you were giving I didn't know that name and I was just curious.

Nancy Sherlock stated so Jill Salkin and her trio she's the only vocalist the others are all instrumental.

Mrs. Johnson stated, thank you.

Mrs. Danko stated to answer your question Nancy regarding the port-a-potty if we have a lot of function we will normally put on there like we did last year well.

Nancy Sherlock stated well I'm hoping that well that would be a different subject I'll have to wait for that about the September event and there will be some food trucks and a couple vendors. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay that sounds nice.

Nancy Sherlock stated this is free of charge so the public does not pay to attend and as far as cost of putting on the event it's about \$4,000 to \$5,000 that comes out of the foundation's money.

3. Peggy Walsh – *Stockham Avenue*

She stated I'm just very confused about this procedure because the way it's written it sounds like you're supposed to comment as items come up or can you comment on the --

Ms. Hlahol stated these are agenda items so if you have a comment on the Jazz Fest then you would comment now.



Peggy Walsh stated so you make your comment as an item on the agenda comes up so you keep getting up and down to make comments on the different is that how this works? I'm very confused because I wanted to make a comment about the consent agenda the approval of the bill for March and my question was I see an awful lot of

Ms. Hlahol stated I know but I asked for public comment.

Peggy Walsh stated I'm signed up so you're telling me I can't comment.

Ms. Hlahol stated I'm not saying I'm trying to explain how this works so when the consent agenda is called then you would comment. The reason we changed this is because once the council has discussions then I would like to hear if the public has anything to add for what the council is saying.

Peggy Walsh stated okay so we keep getting up and down so I just have to know to do that because I signed in and then you never called for these comments so okay so here's my comment on the consent agenda item B, the approval of the bill for March, I see a lot of legal bills on there but I don't know what they're for and then I see on the website that you hired the Aspirant Consulting Group I'm assuming to look for the new Police Chief and I'm wondering if that will be on one of the monthly bills if that is one of these bills, I would like to know if we're going to be able to find out how much money that consulting fee is costing.

Mrs. Danko stated I can answer that Aspirant is not on that list of bills it will be on the next list of bills and it's not included in legal so it will be specifically for Aspirant.

Peggy Walsh stated and it will be listed by name?

Mrs. Danko stated yes.

Peggy Walsh stated okay thank you very much that's what I wanted to know. I just want to put in a plug for not only the Jazz Fest but for other things in the park. I'm hoping you'll vote to approve it and also to not quibble over money for a stage or public toilets which you know most Borough do it's one of the few events in our Borough that draws a good crowd from across the area with vendors, it's good publicity for our little town and I hope you'll support many events like this in the park because it's really good for us. The Irish Festival was wonderful last year it had a fabulous turnout we also had a food truck festival so you do have money budgeted for events in the park so I hope when people who have the good of the community at heart come up and want to do something in the park to make our park used that you won't quibble with them over the toilet and the stage. Thank you.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

- b. Motion to have engineer review boroughs list of roads PECO is paving, for paving project and put out to bid.

Motion Removed.



10. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Peggy Walsh – *Stockham Ave*

She stated I just want to express my disappointment with the way I was treated at the last meeting the President started gaveling me down well before 3 minutes. I always prepare and time my remarks not only did you time me wrong but your gaveling was ludicrous because there was nobody else commenting but me. Apparently Andrew Lubin threw the paper I gave everybody itemizing our legal fees for the firing of the Police Chief over the counter of the dais on the floor. I'm hoping that that was just a mistake Andrew this is very disappointing on a personal level since you're my councilperson and I'm your constituent and I worked very hard to get you elected and I'd just like to point out that that's really inappropriate behavior. Mr. Robinson you're innuendo that the former Police Chief falsified our crime statistics was totally unprofessional and really could lead to more wasted money fighting a defamation lawsuit. I'm hoping that you will soon be presenting a plan for Williamson Park. The community met in August and came up with things that we preferred and we haven't heard anything about it just like we haven't heard anything about Patriots Park but hopefully that money that is sitting waiting will start to get used. I'd also like to know if you've put money back into the children's budget Library program because on the budget it looks to me as if there's \$2,000 in there but it looks as if it's been a donation not money from the Borough, but I certainly could be wrong because I am not an expert in reading budgets but it's really hard to read. So have you put money back in the budget for the library for the Children's Program?

Mrs. Danko stated yes the \$2,000 that's in the budget is budgetary money from the Borough.

Peggy Walsh stated okay that's not just a donation that they got?

Mrs. Danko stated no the donations we don't put the donations in there and I believe so far we're up to \$3,000 of donations on top of the \$2,000 so no the monies were put into the budget, it was funded.

2. Holly Harman – *371 Plaza Blvd*

She stated piggybacking off of what was just previously discussed about the legal fees I did do a right to know to find out how Miss Walsh potentially obtained this information and no right to know was filed by her in the last year so I'm curious as to find out how that financial information was conveyed to her. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated thank you Miss Harmon I certainly don't know if there were no right to know for the legal bills.

3. Deborah Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Ave*

She stated I am very disappointed that the first display of changes with this newly formed council is one that makes it more difficult for the public to speak to you as we've seen tonight. By splitting public comment into separate comment periods you make it more burdensome for the residents to tell you about the issues that concern us by making people sit through a meeting not knowing when they might be able to comment you demonstrate a lack of consideration for those that you serve you're telling us sit down shut up and wait and hopefully you'll go away. It may be inconvenient for you to sit through our announcements, our areas of concerns and even our pointed gripes but that is



part of what you signed up for. Listening to public comment at the beginning may inform you when you do vote on your business items it can impact what follows. Public comment is a good opportunity for everyone to hear our neighbors concerns and announcements burying them within the meeting makes it less likely for those to be truly heard while the split is legal it is a known tactic for squashing public input, it smacks of contempt of the public, it was apparent at the last meeting when the only public commenter was gavelled down too early as she was finishing her last sentences and a council member tossed her document on the floor as trash. I understand in the need to move things along but that was not the case here, please have some decency and discretion. It's mid-April and we still don't see any committees formed the public is unable to determine if an advertised item is actually going to happen sometimes they're cancelled after the meeting date but sometimes they do happen so who knows. Committee meetings are an important mechanism to get real work done and it's your time to talk with the public not at us it is the opportunity to tap into the many creative and energetic resources of our community instead we are seeing committees ignored or hobbled. It's been as mentioned eight months since the parks and recreation committee's public listening session as part of a \$50,000 master plan for Williamson Park where are those results we missed the biggest budget season grant season particularly one no match and one low match trail grants. This is where your committees can keep things moving along just like the Planning Commission that works through drafts of a comprehensive plan. Without effective committees and public true public participation just a few people decide what's best for us community driven plans are sidelined and disastrous ideas are hatched up on the side and we've been there and we don't want to go back. Thank you.

4. Nancy Sherlock – *Morrisville*

She stated thank you again. I have more questions now than when I walked in the door but I won't have time to ask them all but there are a couple questions that actually the public would like to know. One is do we have a date for the NNO and will it be August 4th? I'm just going to do bullet point questions. Will there be an audit regarding the ARPA money? When will the Borough be doing any of the improvements or suggestions that the public had discussed? Actually that's a replica of what the other two women just said. Just for history purposes there was an arts and events committee it was established in 2007 to address all activity in the park, to address cultural events and this was done by resolution and it has been followed for the most part for all these years the only change right now is that there is no more park ranger but the rest is actually very we could follow it to a T. Regarding the format for the agenda meetings change can sometimes be good and I can agree with change when it's necessary but not just for change. The President's format right now which includes choosing who makes the first and second is really the work of a monocrat shame on council members who choose to let someone else speak for them. Going back to roads there's approximately 68 roads in Morrisville so 40 is under scored. The consent agenda usually that's always after the body has already talked about all these issues usually at an agenda meeting and then once it's been discussed as a group then it would be brought up and you would almost automatically think it wouldn't be a problem. Can you confirm that if you have an agenda meeting I mean the consent if you pull one out or somebody doesn't like that so then you just vote on the other seven say was eight I'm just wondering how that works or if you don't like number eight is your vote considered no for everything that's just that's a question. Is there a police search committee I was wondering and who's sitting on that? Where are we with alcohol in the park I know that it's passed



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but I know that there was some tweaking to do with the procedures and I wanted to know what's happening with that because we do have some events this summer that we could possibly have alcohol in the park. At the last meeting there was a statement made regarding the former Chief's reports and if this is true the accusation that these were not correct then take it immediately to the DA do not sit here or make statements that may not be true and I want to know if they were right or wrong. There is a tree planting this Saturday. Back to the RCAP Grant that also provides for some in kind so just so you know, the RCAP for Patriots Park maybe we'll find out what's going to happen there someday.

Mr. Robinson stated Nancy I have one question when you were referencing the making the motions calling the person's name out how did you describe that?

Nancy Sherlock stated the fact that the Council President asks people to do the first and second I called it that's the work of a monocrat.

Mr. Robinson stated how many times did you hear Virginia ask who made a motion tonight?

Nancy Sherlock stated zero why isn't Virginia up here?

Mr. Robinson stated I've asked that question before too. Nancy we were up here together for four years and she wasn't up here so I mean we could have asked that two years ago we didn't ask it.

Nancy Sherlock stated that's six years old. I'm sorry I'm not here to argue with you. The President can ask for the first and second and when it's said the President can say we have a first by Kathryn and a second by I mean if that's the reason behind it I think that I completely disagree.

Mr. Robinson stated there are a lot of other municipalities that do it that way.

Nancy Sherlock stated that's okay that's the prerogative of this body.

Mr. Flager stated let me just say legally there's nothing wrong with someone asking would you like to make that motion they do it in Bristol Township they do it and as far as this made up problem with the public comment in Bristol Township for example a Township of 58,000 people a Township of the first class they can announce they have public comment on every item and at the end you can discuss any other item you want okay so this is actually more democratic. What the President is saying is on each and every item we discuss you can discuss it how does -- that is a very -- that as opposed to you might not remember what you want to say or whatever this way as each item is discussed. As to the consent agenda I don't know what rule you're talking about there's no such rule that it had to be discussed ahead of time consent items are items that are not controversial like approving paying the police and your bills approving you minutes and what have you. If a Councilperson objects to it it's taken out and the other items are voted on and then that item is voted on separately. That's a perfectly democratic and wonderful system there's nothing wrong with it, it's in complete I'm not done it's in complete compliance with the Sunshine Law, the public meeting laws, the open meeting laws etc. so if the Council President of the Council chooses to do it that way



it's a lot easier for Council frankly to have public comment in the very beginning and then you don't say another word the rest of the time this is a lot more democratic I think but you can go back to the other way it's really Council's choice either way is permissible under the open meetings law that's the point here.

Ms. Hlahol stated and just for the public's knowledge everyone on Council was asked prior to the changes and no one had any issues with it. Kathy I think you were the last person for public comment.

4. Kathryn Panzitta – *Hillcrest Ave*

She stated I wish we could have spoken a little bit earlier even before your presentations. I felt like I had a trip down memory lane because I actually remember sitting in that seat and when we had to hire police officers and I went and I said I want a female cop so I remember that day with Erica McIntyre so I wish her well I'm glad that she's leaving us safely and I pray for safety for our entire police staff. I know it's a hard job between what a council person's position should be you have a priority to your employees, you have a priority to your taxpayers, you have a priority to integrity and you always have a priority to truth and if you always tell the truth you never have to worry about anything because you'd be willing to stand behind it. I only wanted to clear up two things yes this agenda thing was a little bit concerning because I noticed the words that were said when they voted at your previous meeting last month were not the words that were read so I said okay what exactly did they vote on, there was some changes in your words versus what's laying on this table and what I read that's all I know you're right. I'm not going to get up here and speak about Civil Service rules I didn't read them I'm not going to make myself look like an idiot but then anybody not one of you up there including the gentleman on the telephone is any more important or should have any more or less information than anybody else just because you have a title President, Vice President I don't care what you call yourselves you all get the same information. It is concerning when I look at notices that some people on council's email address has changed there's a two that is a huge red flag to me well why did this person's email for me to send it to change so there's a lot of things that people ask they're afraid, they're afraid they're going to be retaliated well if anybody knows in this town I'm not afraid of saying what I ever said I stand behind every single word I said and guess what I'm the first one to say yeah I could make mistakes we live and learn each day that was the view that you came in to an agenda meeting now I don't know if this is true or not remember you were not the only Borough people that went to Borough Training 101 that little class you go to when you first become a Borough Councilperson I never attended it when I was on Council but it seems it's something that happens but I really wonder if that day when you all went was it said if you want to shut up your public you do things by consent items maybe that was it and remember we all don't live in a little circle of only Borough people. People had the idea that people couldn't talk. I came up and I asked about ARPA funds I asked for a balance but now you will get a right to know for every single fund on every single record two ways to play the game one buries people in work and one just answers a question.

There being no further public comment, the President proceeded to the business portion of the agenda.



11. Council Discussion Items

- a. Celebration Advisory Committee
Discussion took place.

12. Mayor Comments

Mayor Wallace stated good evening everyone. First I'm pleased to begin by extending a warm welcome to our newest officers joining the team. Over the past year our department has experienced a significant turnover however with the addition of a new part-time officer back in December along with the three individuals we've recently sworn in I'm optimistic that we're turning a corner. These new additions show positive change for our department and I eagerly anticipate what the future holds. If you happened to encounter our latest officers while out and about I encourage you to take a moment and greet them and extend a hearty Morrisville welcome. I also want to thank the Civil Service Commission for all their hard work with getting the three new officers and then also with our new hiring process that just went out and I encourage you all to share so we can get another 15 great officers to apply for us so we have a pick. Additionally, I'd like to talk about an important initiative happening this week the Buy a Slice Give a Slice Program. In collaboration with the Interfaith Food Alliance and Bella Sicily we're striving to combat childhood hunger and food insecurity within our community for every slice purchased from this past Saturday April 13th until this upcoming Saturday, April 20th Bella Sicily will generously donate a slice to a family in need. Furthermore, every eight slices purchased will equate to a full pizza pie. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have already supported this cause and I encourage those who haven't yet participated to indulge in some delicious pizza while supporting families in need. I kindly remind everyone to turn off non-essential outdoor lights during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. as a certified Bird Town this simple act will encourage our feathered friends continue to visit our community year after year without disruption to the migration patterns. It is also National Volunteer Month and then we are also coming up on Nation Volunteer Appreciation Week which starts on April 21st and runs through April 27th, what a great way to kick that off would be to come out on April 21st which is Sunday to help us with the tree planting event down in Williamson Park. It is because all the volunteers out there that come out and support is the reason why we're able to do so much here in Morrisville and we're looking to get more volunteers to come out and support. To touch on that committee, that committee is all going to be volunteers as well so the more volunteers we have the more we can do for our community. It's time to work together so we can move Morrisville forward. Thank you for your attention, support and dedication to making Morrisville a better place for all its residents.

13. Council Member Comments

- Mr. Vitarelli stated two things, next week is primary so I encourage all registered voters to get out and vote in the primary. The second some constituents have been expressing their desire to have clarification on the state of Williamson Park and it's legacy but it has come to my attention that there are some things out there in the community that are not clarified I would hope that and the solicitor and I have talked about this a few times now either one solicitor if you might expand on that clarification now or maybe next month. It is also my understanding that there are certain guarantees to other Open Spaces in the Borough that aren't necessarily granted to Williamson Park and how those guarantees either might be granted to Williamson Park or what is in place that does guarantee that that space will remain open.



- Mr. Flager stated there's in a Commonwealth Act we're one of the few states that actually has a Commonwealth. The Donated Dedicated Property Act which protects parkland and in order for anything to happen any part that we own meaning the Borough not the Church Groups that we have a deal that we can use but that we actually own are protected by the Donated Dedicated Property Act which means you can't do anything with it other than keeping it a park I mean you could improve it without court order and by a court order you'd have to show, you'd have to have a very high standard it's not easily approved we have one now, Bristol Township has one now where there's a piece of land it's small like an acre that they're giving to a developer but they're getting back something five or ten times more valuable and even that which is an amazing deal even that which is an amazing deal and it's unanimously approved by the Council and everybody in Bristol Township still has to be approved by a court even in that case so the park is protected nothing is going to happen to the park there's no plans for the park and I don't know why people are concerned, they have no need to be concerned it's protected by the Act.

14. Committee Updates

Ms. Price Engelhard stated we had a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on March 24th it was here we had several people attend, Judith, Peggy Walsh, Annie Milionis, Debby Colgan, Don Kronnagel, Anna Langer and Marie Kelso. Update on the tree planting proceeding meeting with John Later to determine placement and that has been done. Update on park events Food and Music Festival in July an Irish Festival approved by the Council budget to be provided to the Council for the events for approval. I do have a budget if you can take those and pass it down I just have the two events because that's all that's was approved. The Food and Truck event last year I did all the posters color out of my pocket I did budget some money for that, Morrisville Times ad for all of our events, the band is being paid for by our Economic Development Corporation. The other event was the Irish Festival and it's a total of the bands, the face painter, Irish dancers, the singers, balloon man, bouncy house, children's games and also posters we have a total of what I've budgeted \$2,347.00. What we were given was \$10,000 and I said we probably would never use that so that's what I'm looking at for these events. The Food Truck Festival will be getting vendors and food trucks not really vendors but food trucks there and then the Irish Festival there will be vendors and stuff that that revenue will go to the Borough, any questions?

Mrs. Danko stated Council President asked me if I would explain the \$10,000 in the budget. The \$10,000 that is in the budget is for any events at the park not specifically just for Parks and Recreation so I was asked to explain that, so if you did want \$5,000 or \$2,000 that would be the reason to ask for it.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated the only thing I would ask out of that \$10,000 budget if we could do the port-a-potties like we've had in the past and I think that came out of my budget last year or I guess the Council budget.

Mrs. Danko stated I was just going to say I believe that the port-a-potties do come out of that line item.



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Mrs. Johnson stated I have a question so when you mentioned the port-a-potties are you saying that amount in addition to this \$2,300 that we see?

Ms. Price Engelhard stated that would be well yeah I guess so and I don't know what this Judith can give us information later on but that would be for all the summer events there.

Mrs. Johnson stated so that would be for these two or for –

Ms. Price Engelhard stated for all the events. Judith can tell us more but we have a lot of people that rent for different events such there's a summer camp that goes on there, National Night Out and summer movies in the park and all of that I don't pay for out of my budget.

Mrs. Johnson stated I'm just looking for clarification then. I get that there's a \$10,000 budget for the park of that \$10,000 Park and Recreation and anyone else gets to ask for a portion so what I thought I was understanding here was roughly \$2,500 Parks and Recreation is currently asking for out of that \$10,000 budget plus the cost of whatever the port-a-potties are anybody else who is doing a summer camp, National Night Out whatever they're going to ask for money out of the balance of the \$10,000 that's left after Park and Recreation extracts gets approved for –

Mrs. Danko stated we don't know that but yes you can, it can be asked for. So if the Mayor wanted to have an event he could ask for funds coming from that line item you could ask the same thing put in an application like everyone else did so it's not just limited to Parks and Recreation. Mayor I'm just using you as an example because I know you have something coming up.

Mrs. Johnson stated it's just came it became a longer question for me when we brought up other entities asking for the port-a-potty so I'm just trying to figure out exactly what's being asked for because I think we talked about like \$200 or \$300 last month but now we see 10 times as much now, not that that's a problem I'm just asking just want to get clarification.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, you're right and I said I was caught off guard and I said I would have to give a more thorough and detailed –

Mrs. Johnson stated well in all fairness \$200 to \$300 didn't seem adequate but now we have it and I just want to understand because when you mentioned the port-a-potties and other groups use it I would think it would be in their request they'd be giving us something similar and saying hey I need port-a-potties too or whatever but I'm doing this event this is how much I need so if I'm understanding what's in front of us now regarding this committee is out of the \$10,000 budget for using the park, Parks and Recreation has two events and they're asking for roughly \$2,500 of the \$10,000.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, yes.

Mrs. Johnson stated gotcha, thank you.



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Mrs. Danko stated Kathryn I'm not sure I thought you asked for \$1,000 for something.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated for Jazz and then \$100 for the Food Truck Festival.

Ms. Hlahol stated I thought it was \$1,000 for the Irish Festival.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated what did I say.

Ms. Hlahol stated Jazz.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, sorry.

Ms. Hlahol stated that's okay I just want to be clear.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated it's almost 9:00 you guys.

Mrs. Johnson stated you see why I end up with questions because I'm like wait a minute hold on.

Mrs. Danko stated and I can't remember how much was approved right now that's why I'm remembering \$1,000 and saying is that enough.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated and I asked no it's not going to be enough and can I have permission to submit a more detailed expenditure list.

Ms. Danko stated correct.

Ms. Hlahol stated this will have to be the next month's council meeting we can't add anything.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated oh no, I just wanted to give it to you to let you know that you had it.

Ms. Hlahol stated that's fine.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated thank you I appreciate that.

Mrs. Johnson stated can we ask though prior to next month can we just, do we know what the port-a-potty, do we need that.

Ms. Hlahol stated no.

Mrs. Johnson stated we don't okay.



15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Mrs. Danko stated, I have a question to ask Council. I am getting an award for 25 years of service as Borough Manager and I'm asked to come to the PSAB Association Networking Conference in June, June 2nd to the 5th at Hershey and I was hoping that Council would endorse me to go and take care of that as we usually do for Council members and I had asked Council President that prior to the meeting ending thank you, nice.

Mrs. Johnson stated, so Madam President does that need –

Mrs. Danko stated unfortunately I just received it yesterday in the mail and I have to respond no later than April 19th.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated for clarification is that we have money set aside by law for you to attend and any other Council people who wanted to attend.

Mrs. Danko stated and again I am a stickler for saying we have to have everything on the agenda I just received this April 15th I have to respond no later than April 19th so I normally would not ask.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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