

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:37 PM by President Benusa.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Zentgraf, Messrs. Bland, Favo, Federici, Kennedy, Taliaferro and President Benusa, members of Council; Solicitor Shoop; Chief David R. DiSanti, Sr., and Lisa Cooper Jensen, Assistant to the Borough Manager

Excused: Mayor Fescemyer

Visitors: Paula Calabrese, Dorothy Calfe, Victor Calfe, Beth Cameron, Barb Charlton, Fred Favo, Ruth Hawker, Rich McMahon, Tom Meising, Gary Mostel, Melony Mostel, Jim Parsons, Matt Provenza, Bertha Shearer, Jim Trangle and Holly Usher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those who were present and able stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Brenntag Complaints – Bertha Shearer, 39 Morris Street, said the noise from the loading docks at Brenntag was still keeping her awake at night. President Benusa asked Solicitor Shoop to write a letter to the Brenntag corporate offices about this matter.

Gary and Melony Mostel, 43 Morris Street, said none of the Brenntag trucks had placards on them, even though they were carrying chemicals.

Curfew – Ruther Hawker, 416 Isabella Street, asked Council to consider a 10:00 PM curfew for the Borough.

HHI Trucking/Folino Noise – Jim Parsons, 1120 Washington Avenue, complained of the increase in frequency and volume of noise at the Folino property on 107 Dark Hollow Road. He said that both the *Zoning Ordinance* and the *Nuisance Ordinance* address noise.

Beth Cameron, 1000 Washington Avenue, concurred with Mr. Parsons. She said she could not use her outdoors any longer.

Hulton Road Safety – Matt Provenza, 24 Morris Street, requested a “Yield to Pedestrian” sign at the intersection of Hulton Road and Third Street. Solicitor Shoop pointed out that Hulton Road belonged to the State, which precluded the Borough from erecting traffic signs there; but suggested that, once the traffic lights were in at the Boulevard and Allegheny Avenue, safety would be enhanced as long as schoolchildren crossed at the light.

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Folino Noise - Mr. Bland asked Mr. Parsons what times the noise was worst at 107 Dark Hollow Road, in the event that the Borough would try to test the noise levels. Mr. Parsons invited him to come to his house any day around 7:30 AM. Mr. Parson said loud beeping from trucks backing up had started at 3:00 AM that day. He called “911” to report it, but received no response.

President Benusa said Council would work with Chief DiSanti to explore available options on this issue.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Carlberg Tree Problems – President Benusa read a letter, dated October 5, 2007, from Deborah Carlberg at 738 Third Street, regarding a problem with utility wires in a Borough tree. Mr. Benusa asked those present to let him know if they had any suggestions for solving Ms. Carlberg’s problem.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Chief DiSanti reviewed the highlights of his September 2007 Police Report for those present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning, Zoning & Community Development

Brownfield Assessment Grant – At Council Member Bland’s request, President Benusa provided those present with information on a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency that could pay for some site assessment work along Dark Hollow Road.

He said the actual site assessment along Dark Hollow Road would cost \$125,000, and \$75,000 along the lower Plum Creek Valley. The goal of the assessment would help ongoing efforts to mitigate flooding in the area. Mr. Benusa said he needed Council’s permission to submit a grant proposal on this.

Mr. Bland offered a motion to allow President Benusa to submit a grant proposal to the US Environmental Protection Agency to perform a site assessment along Dark Hollow Road.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion, and all those present voted in the affirmative.

Engineering & Public Works

PennDOT Winter Maintenance Amendment – Mr. Federici offered Resolution No. R10-2007, a resolution to authorize and direct the execution of an amendment to the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement, adding Hulton Road to the list of roads already serviced by the Borough, from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

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Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 107, as **Resolution No. R10-2007**.

PennDOT Comprehensive Maintenance Agreement – Mr. Federici offered Resolution No. R11-2007, a resolution to authorize and direct the execution of the PennDOT Comprehensive Maintenance Agreement, from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 108, as **Resolution No. R11-2007**.

Handicapped Ramp Program – Mr. Federici reported that the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments (AVN-COG) had gotten a Block grant approval for the Borough to install 10 more handicapped ramps than originally planned because the original bids had come in so low.

Ms. Zentgraf explained that the original bid and grant proposal had called for 40 ramps, but that the Borough ended up being able to install 50 thanks to the COG obtaining permission to increase the number of ramps in the grant, rather than turning the grant money back.

Rich McMahon, 640 Fifth Street, asked what was the use of installing handicapped ramps if the Borough's sidewalks were so bad a handicapped person could not navigate on them anyway. President Benusa said that Council had looked at sidewalk repair in the past, and perhaps they should look at the issue again.

Culture & Recreation

Riverside Park "Wish List" – After reporting briefly on the Kerr Museum and the Library, Mr. Kennedy presented his "wish list" for Riverside Park. The list was as follows:

- 1) Renovate ball fields in conjunction with the Oakmont Country Club restoration after the US Open;
- 2) Install and rewire an old telephone pole for \$500;
- 3) Install a storage bin at the backstop;
- 4) Site the home run lines with plastic coverings;
- 5) Order a dumpster for the Park;
- 6) Clean up the riverbank;
- 7) Add personnel to Park Crew; and
- 8) Extensively renovate the Field House.

Community Affairs

Carlberg Letter - Ms. Zentgraf asked if she could have a copy of Ms. Carlberg's letter.

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Boulevard Project Board Openings – Ms. Zentgraf encouraged the public to apply for this volunteer position on the Board.

“Mysteries of Oakmont” – Ms. Zentgraf pronounced the recently held “Mysteries of Oakmont” tour a great success. She said the turnout had been even better than the first year.

Upcoming Events - Mr. Kennedy announced that the Halloween Parade would take place on October 27; the Cow Patty Bingo game on November 10; and, Trick-or-Treat on October 31.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Lisa Cooper Jensen
Assistant Borough Secretary