

**COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of May 11, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President Hayes called to order the Agenda Meeting of Crafton Borough Council, in Council Chambers of the Community Center. Flag Salute led by Mr. Crown. ROLL CALL, by Mrs. Tremblay, recorded Seven (7) members of Council present as follows: Mr. Amendola, Ms. Amendola, Mr. Crown, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Weitzel and Mr. Hayes. Also present was Manager Trant, Manager Scott, Mayor Bloom and Director Kaczorowski.

BILL LIST APPROVAL

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*N. Amendola/Crown*) to approve the Bill List dated May 11, 2015.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Crown/O'Brien*) to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2015.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0),

CITIZEN'S PRESENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL/Agenda Items only

None

PARK & SHADE TREE REPORT

Susan Mucha, Park & Shade Tree Commission – Ms. Mucha provided a summary of Commission achievements, tasks and future plans: Crafton is a 26-year Tree City USA community, must meet certain qualifying requirements, have been planting trees with grant funds, vouchers and Borough funds – have planted over 350 trees in the borough over the past 26 years, along with many seedlings. Present plans for the Commission are to evaluate the street and park trees with the assistance of a professional arborist consultant, within the budget provided. Preserve the trees at 301 and 325 Clearview during the next phase of sewer work on Clearview Avenue. Plans for the future include the planting of various fruit trees in the Borough, with the assistance of Andrea Marquis (*Crafton Community Farm*), and to continue to seek Grant money for these projects. Manager Trant noted that the budget this year includes a line item for an arborist, with \$4,000 available, and referred Council to the motion on the Agenda to accept the proposal of Horhut Tree Experts. Ms. Amendola inquired on the status of the Community Farm/Garden in Crafton Park.

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS AGENDA

1. BLIGHT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES

- a. Act 90 – Permit Denial Policy/Ordinance; Tax Delinquent Properties. Manager Trant referred Council to the information provided regarding Act 90. He noted that this is another program available to insure payment of delinquent taxes and property maintenance by denying certain permits until property owner is compliant/or taxes paid. It would require drafting of an Ordinance for adoption for enforcement. He noted that several demo projects are being considered this year; one grant-funded through the CDBG/COG, and others with Borough funds/Budget.

2. PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Arborist Services – Acceptance; Horhut Tree Experts

i. **MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Weitzel/Phillips*) to accept the Horhut Tree Experts proposal for Arborist Services.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

b. Park & Shade Tree Commission Appointment:

i. **MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*O’Brien/Crown*) to appoint Luke Och to the Crafton Park & Shade Tree Commission, for a term that shall expire on March 31, 2018.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

c. Summer Employees/Additional/Hiring

i. **MOTION:** It was regularly moved and seconded (*Crown/F. Amendola*) to hire Ken Caine and Zoey Petrocelli as an Alternate Life Guard, and Mike Schneiderlochner, Alexis Deacon and Bradley Davis as Swim Team Coaches, per the recommendation of the Crafton Crocodile Swim Team Board.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Sue Hastings, 100 Chartiers Avenue – Reported a City of Pittsburgh Maintenance issue/Chartiers Creek/Fallen Tree. Photographs and other information provided to Council.

Steven Sunderland, 106 Chartiers Avenue – Also, reported City of Pittsburgh Maintenance/Creek/Fallen Tree. Also, a sinkhole on Chartiers. Borough will try to contact City of Pittsburgh to remedy these issues; will follow up with Mr. Sunderland.

Michael Horstman, 25 Fountain Street – Reported traffic/speeding on Fountain Street – Ballfield Traffic. Mayor will increase patrol in the area during ballgame times and will move the portable speed detection sign to Fountain Street.

Phillip LaVasseur, 401 Clearview Avenue – Reported hazardous traffic condition; intersection of Clearview and Harris, due to tree bump-out on Clearview.

President Hayes reminded everyone that there will be no Council Meeting on Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day; the next meeting of Council will be on Monday, May 18th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Hayes reported that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters; no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was regularly moved and seconded (*Crown/F. Amendola*) to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION carried by Unanimous Voice Vote (7-0).

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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Tremblay, Borough Secretary