

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2018**

Slippery Rock Borough convened this date at the Slippery Rock Borough Building located at 306 East Water Street, Slippery Rock Borough, and Butler County, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call the following public officials were present: Russ Karl, Gene Allison, Itzi Meztli, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Ron Steele and Tom McPherson. Also present were Mayor Longo and Borough Administrator, Lucinda G. Lipko.

REPORTS:

Mayor Jondavid Longo

Meeting with the Student Government Association and working towards the University Relations Committee
Congratulated the Slippery Rock Area graduates

Borough Administrator Lucinda G. Lipko

Stated if anyone was going to respond to the PSAB article for support of radar they needed to contact Representative Bernstein's office directly and she could supply his phone number if needed. Council requested a letter be prepared for next weeks meeting to be signed by all councilmembers.

Tom McPherson

Had 63 attendees to the Bands on the Bricks concerts and the next one will be June 15 with Harmony Road Band

Reported they had 5 vendors at the first Farmers & Makers Market and 10 vendors at the one the following week

Ron Steele

Was appointed as the Secretary to the Fire Department last night
Asked if anyone was cleaning up the green dedicated benches in town

Denton Zeronas

Attended the Slippery Rock Community Library's 13th birthday party today
Walked the trails and saw an area that needs reviewed by the school

Royce Lorentz

Attended the display of hydroponics presented by North County Brewery
Attended the Smart Growth Conference and feels they are on the right track. Suggested we review some of our ordinances as they are not favorable to Smart Growth.
Attended the Governor's Cabinet Meeting today and it was mostly question and answers

Itzi Meztli

The Trash Committee is working diligently and will present an abstract view later in the agenda

Slippery Rock Community Library was celebrating their birthday today at the Rotary Pavillion and their next meeting is May 29th

Gene Allison

Thanked Trash Committee for all their work
Smart Growth Meeting was informative
Reported it takes 5-6 weeks for LED lights to be ordered

UPDATES:

President Karl stated the work at the vacant lot is still not completed. If the work is not done in a week or so, he is going to discuss with Solicitor Black suing Minniefield for breach of contract. He also reported that Slippery Rock University will be repaving a portion of Maltby Avenue before the students return, the Tax Collector Beverly Barron has decided she does not want to have office hours at the Borough Building and we are going to install the clam shells along New Castle Street where the light poles were removed last year until we decide what to do about the light poles. The damage and quote to the traffic light at Kiester Road and South Main Street has been turned over to the insurance company. The insurance company is waiting on some more detailed information from Bronder and then they will be sending us a check minus the \$ 2,500.00 deductible to have the work done.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ron Steele to post no parking signs along a section of South Main Street from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on June 7th for Bronder to install the LED light fixtures. Seconded by Tom McPherson, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council briefly discussed installing fencing around the vacant lot once the grass is planted and decided a fence wasn't necessary at this time.

Councilperson Meztli reviewed highlights from the Trash Committees abstract list and asked that members review it and make their comments/recommendations. This will be placed on a future agenda for discussion. The Trash Committee hopes to bid out the contract in August with a proposed deadline of November 15th for award.

President Karl polled councilmembers on hiring a full time or part-time Code Enforcement Officer. It was decided that a full time employee would be best for this position. Work will continue on the job description and the budget will have to be reviewed to pay for this position.

The letter received from the Butler County Department of Emergency Services requesting help to update road names and addresses was discussed. Councilmen Lorentz stated he is working on a graph and is going to speak with the 911 Center for more clarification. He will be ready to discuss at the July Workshop Meeting.

Council discussed installing stop signs in Poplar Forrest and relocating the stop signs along Kelly Boulevard. It was decided we would move ahead with the process.

The request from Slippery Rock Development to close a portion of South Main Street and a section of Gateway Parking Lot on September 22nd for VillageFest was discussed. This will be placed on the next agenda for action.

After discussing the recommendation of John Trant for software for the Code Enforcement Office, it was decided we would invite John to the Workshop Meeting in August to further discuss if we really need a maintenance agreement or if there were any other systems available.

Council discussed changing the rental licenses from 2 years per unit to 3 or 4 years per unit. After discussion, the majority were in favor of each unit being inspected every 3 years. This will be placed on a future agenda for action.

Council discussed the first and second choices for the Farmer's & Maker's Market of the parking lot area. It was decided Council would like them to set up in the middle of the lot and keep the two points of egress/ingress open. Councilmen McPherson will make them aware.

The Borough Administrator reported that she was unable to find any commercial leaf vacuum equipment to rent and none of the companies she spoke too were interested in servicing an entire

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Borough. Edgar Electric has a commercial leaf machine and is going to meet with Jimmy to review the size of the Borough. He will then give us a quote. The Slippery Rock Campground also has a Dinkmar leaf vacuum they are willing to sell. The Borough Administrator was instructed to call and ask a few questions, then report back to Council.

Resolution # 428 to reduce fees for a one year period for new businesses only was discussed. It was felt that this could be used as an advertising tool to entice businesses to the Borough. This will be placed on the next agenda for action.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Bob Goyak

Stated that approximately 10 properties are affected by flash flooding along Kelly Boulevard because property owners on Willow Drive and Sassafras Drive are extending their backyards by mowing Borough owned property. Would like letters sent to these property owners stating they are prohibited from moving the Borough's property. This will be placed on the July Workshop agenda for discussion.

Mike Pavelek

What is being done about making up the administrative fee no longer collected from the property owners with five or more units?

When can the Trash Committee expect to hear back from Solicitor Black on their questions

Grass clippings being blown onto streets is a hazard and clogs our catch basins

Sonya Lenz

Birthday party for the library was very nice

Post Office may have ideas about names for streets being requested by 911

Is willing to help with a recycling campaign and grass clippings campaign

COUNCILPERSON'S REMARKS:

Itzi Meztli

Will be missing the June 19th meeting and all meetings in July

Found Borough files in Council room and was not happy about it

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Gene Allison to adjourn. Seconded by Denton Zeronas, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator

