

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

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President Harvey Marshall called the April 18, 2022 workshop meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Mark Spotts, Matt Miller, Dean Johnson and Tracy Rice. Jamie Burrus and Mike Martin were absent. Also attending the meeting was Manager Lisa Heilman. Visitors included David Randler, Cindy Murdough and Carol Manno.

Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 4th Council Meeting. Mr. Miller seconded and Council unanimously approved.

VISITORS & CITIZENS- All visitors were observing.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: **Breinger / Furnace Property Environmental Remediation** . Does the Borough want to clean the property to residential or non-residential standards? If residential standards are chosen, the Borough can do anything they want with the property in the future. If non-residential standards are chosen, nothing can be done with the property that would invite the public onto the property. Mr. Spotts asked if there is enough time and money left in the grant to get it to Release of Liability before the grant expires. Mr. Marshall stated there is not enough time or money left in the grant to get it brought up to residential standards. 360 triaxle loads of clean fill will be needed for the project. We have been informed by DEP that whichever way the Borough decides to go, their May 5th review date will be met. Mr. Spotts asked if the bid can be put out to complete the remediation to non-residential standards. Ms. Rice stated that, thinking long-term, that would severely limit the ability of the Borough to ever develop that property. If remediated to residential standards the Borough could ultimately develop the property into a park showcasing the Borough's history. Mr. Spotts noted that Council has never discussed the possibility of a park, however, he stated the Borough should clean it to residential standards so we are not limited in the future as to what can be done with the property. Mr. Marshall also advised Council that there is a bit of tree work left to do if residential standards are to be met. He obtained three telephonic bids for the remaining work in the event Council chooses to go with the residential standards. Ms. Rice also questioned whether the donated fill could be considered as a match to the ISRP grant since an additional grant will need to be written to complete the project.(TBD). Ms. Rice made the motion to remediate the property (Area 1) to residential standards, including a 30' cut and capping entire lower portion with 2 feet of clean fill (to include loading and trucking of the soil provided by Mr. Keener). Mr. Johnson seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Marshall then provided the following bids for the additional tree work:

Reynmil, Inc. - \$20,000.00

New Castle- \$25,000.00

D.P. Randler Landscaping- \$27,500.00

Mr. Spotts questioned those costs for the remaining work. Mr. Marshall advised him that the work remaining included a lot of hand work since several of the trees are tangled up in wires and close to the shed on the property.

Mr. Johnson made the motion to award the work to Reynmil, Inc. for \$20,000. Mr. Miller seconded and Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Marshall will contact Engineer to advise of Borough's decision and will contact C2C to have the area re-staked

NEW BUSINESS: - The American Rescue Plan Committee has recommended Robesonia Borough elect to use the standard amount of revenue loss calculation for SLFRP reporting as a housekeeping item that allows for streamlined reporting and to allow for use for general government services. Ms. Rice made the motion to approve, Mr. Spotts seconded and Council approved unanimously.

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Mr. Marshall reported that he received a quote from Berks Traffic and Line Painting for \$1,306 to paint pickleball lines on the remaining two courts. Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the expenditure. Mr. Spotts seconded and Council approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: MS4/NPDES permit update - none

Tracy Rice informed Council that we are aware of two possible applicants for playground leader positions. Applications are due by May 1st to allow for sufficient time to do background checks prior to the start of the playground program. Parks & Rec Board will be meeting on Thursday evening to discuss further.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Spotts, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Heilman
Borough Manager