

APRIL 22, 2010

Derry Borough Council met in special session Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Derry Community Center, 100 West Second Street, Derry, PA with the following members present: Allen Skopp presiding, Eric Tepper, Kristine Melville, and Barry Smith. Todd Krehlik, Randy McCreary, and Chris Holnaider were absent. Mayor Susan Bortz, and Solicitor Rachel Riedel were present. Marie McCandless of the Latrobe Bulletin and Jeff Himler, Tribune Review was reporting.

VISITORS

1. Rebecca Beeman, 1154 Rt. 217, Derry, PA – Pool Lifeguard
2. Jeff Kish – Ligonier Valley YMCA
3. Cathy Graham – Ligonier Valley YMCA
4. Dale Heinz – Pool

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of resignation from Barry Smith and Eric Tepper were read. They resigned from their seats on the Derry Area Recreation Board. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to accept their resignations. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **MOTION** by Barry Smith to approve Resolution #503-10 Designating Allen G. Skopp as Agent for 2010 Winter Storm Relief. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Allen Skopp read the recommendation from the planning commission regarding permitting the use of Laundromats in the MX-VC District. The Planning Commission recommended that no changes be made to the Ordinance as multiple business use opportunities already exist for the MX-VC District and there is no need to expand that Section of the Ordinance. Council discussed the possibility of a new business coming into the Borough and the positives. Council decided not to agree with the recommendation of the planning commission and permit the business of a Laundromat in that zoning district. **MOTION** by Kristine Melville to permit the use of a Laundromat in the MX-VC district. Motion **SECONDED** by Eric Tepper. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MAYORS REPORT

The part-time officer that was to be hired from council meeting April 12, 2010 took another position. There is another applicant Eric Tracy that she would like to hire for the opening of the part-time position. Council agreed for her to move forward and hire Mr. Tracy. The motion was made at last meeting to fill the position.

Upon receiving a grant for pre-economic development from ARRA funding in the amount of \$10,500.00 (with only four months left to use the money), the Mayor would like to use a partial amount of these funds to survey the potential 9 acre park along 1st Avenue and the railroad tracks. The remaining part of the funds could be used for the Technical Assistant Grant with the National Park Service as matching funds to proceed with the trails project.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve a portion of the ARRA funds received to be used for surveying the railroad property contingent upon a written agreement with Norfolk Southern. Motion **SECONDED** by Barry Smith. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

There is a resident who would like to temporarily create a landscaped area on the property owned by the Borough located at the corner of W. 2nd Avenue and S. Chestnut Street. Council agreed they would accept his donation and efforts.

1. Jeff Kish and Cathy Graham reviewed their goals as Ligonier Valley YMCA representatives hoping to partnership with Derry Community creating more services to our area. They explained that their board voted yes unanimously to take over the management of the Derry Area Outdoor Pool. They discussed some of their plans for the pool and other programs in the future. Their goal is to put together a three-year plan and open the pool for Memorial Day weekend. They still have some planning involved and are trying to create a budget for the 2010 Pool season.

MOTION by Kristine Melville to approve moving forward with the plan to partnership with the Ligonier Valley YMCA to assume operation of the Derry Community Pool for the 2010 Season and for three years with the Ligonier Valley YMCA assuming full management responsibilities and Derry Borough agrees to make all outstanding loan payments in 2010 with the issue of responsibility for loan payment to be revisited by both entities in November of 2010 during budget committee meetings with the continuation of the three year partnership contingent on the mutual agreement on the issue of the loan payment beyond the first year. Eric Tepper **SECONDED** the motion. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Latta
Secretary