



**WORMLEYSBURG BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2022**

The monthly workshop meeting of the Wormleysburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in Council Chambers. Dr. Deklinski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Deklinski.

President Thomas L. Martini	-	Present via Zoom
Mayor George O. Preble	-	Not Present
Vice-President Stephen M. Hawbecker	-	Present
Dr. Joseph Deklinski	-	Present
Mr. George Kahler	-	Present
Ms. Sue Stuart	-	Present
Mr. Warren Stumpf	-	Present via Zoom
Ms. Margaret Stuski	-	Present via Zoom

Guest present was Walt Panko.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

BUSINESS

a) Start-up Operating Rules

Dr. Deklinski provided a draft overview of guidelines and structure for the workshop meetings. Dr. Deklinski invited councilmembers comments and suggestions to be provided for review and formalization.

b) Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Mr. Martini noted that prior dinner functions were held at Duke's Restaurant and were very successful events. Mr. Martini advised that Council reach out to the events coordinator at Duke's to review the event list of options and scheduling for either March or April.

c) Newsletter

Ms. Stuart contacted Konhaus, who had published the Borough's previous newsletter, for a current price estimate. Ms. Stuart asked Councilmembers to forward article suggestions to be included within the next few weeks. Ms. Stuart advised the tentative date for publication and release is March 15th.

d) Grant Updates as Submitted by Councilmember Stuski:

Description of Projects for the Wormleysburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan

1.) Riverfront Area from the Market Street Bridge to the East Pennsboro border

Safety improvements to access Plaza area near Dockside Willie's property

Pedestrian Crossing areas at Pine Street Weigle Park and small seating area

Installation of Wildlife Viewing Binocular stands at Plaza, Pine Street Weigle Park and small seating area

Access steps to the docks including one by the Wildlife area. Will give access to Riparian Buffers.

Reconfiguration of the boat access area to expand access and place fishing dock north of the ramp

Proposed Municipal-Private partnership to resurface parking areas of properties that are used for Plaza but owned by Don Carter to use permeable surfaces materials from a Borough fund for these projects.

Survey project to include Army Corps of Engineers consultation for removal and replanting of appropriate trees and riparian buffers. [Community Recreation and Conservation Planning](#) grant application. In Pennsylvania, landowners and partners are encouraged to consider buffers that provide opportunities for harvesting products, such as:

- **Nuts**
- **Berries**
- **Woody florals**
- **Forbs**

Applicants are encouraged to include the multifunctional riparian forest buffer concept in their proposed project funding request.

Eligible projects for Riparian Forest Buffer Program funding include:

- **Landowner outreach**
- **Buffer design**
- **Site preparation and buffer installation**
- **Plant materials and tree shelters**
- **Post-planting establishment (approximately three years)**

2.) Overall all Parks and Wormleysburg property garden revitalization

Survey and identify all trees and plants that need removal such as the Tree of Heaven. Replant more appropriate trees that are available.

Remove all grass not necessary for sports fields. Replant ground cover to replace grass. This will include all parks, area around Knisely Hall and road footage edges.

3.) Redding Park

Develop extended parking area along the American Legion side using permeable materials.

Redo basketball court with permeable materials, new striping and new nets.

New bleachers to replace wood bleachers.

Refurbish scorecard building.

Pave street using low usage funds.

Install remote camera security system both inside and out.

Install panic alarm buttons to call for help.

Install ground cover to replace certain grass areas.

Remove Tree of Heaven and other non native foliage from area.

4.) Walnut Street

Stream restoration and flood prevention in the Wildlife Conservation area. Signage for the Wildlife Conservation area.

Forestry assessment of trees that need removal in coordination with the Utility companies that have right-of-way.

Establishment of riparian buffer with nuts, berries and woody florals to extend to outside the setback areas from Walnut Street. Use ground cover where appropriate.

Develop a walking trail and/or improve existing walking area on the right hand side of Walnut Street from the River to the Harrisburg Academy.

Repave Pennsboro Manor roads with permeable materials. Convert medians to ground cover and small park area with low maintenance plants.

5.) Heights Area including Rupley Park

Convert medians to ground cover and small gardens. Remove and replant trees to conform to requirements.

Repave all streets with permeable materials.

Enter into Municipal-Private partnerships with Townhome and Apartment owners to use permeable materials when repaving their parking lots.

Enter into Municipal-Private partnership with the Greek Orthodox Church to use permeable materials when repaving their parking lots.

Replace outdated park equipment. Purchase new outdoor dining tables with one to comply with ADA.

Redo the basketball court with permeable materials.

Evaluate area with road and slopes to eliminate water ponding and to build a secure road to access area for MS4 compliance.

Rebuild trail to Creek to increase public access. Do a Riparian Buffer to the creek area.

Establish fishing areas along the Creek.

DEP grant to buy leaf vacuum machine for stormwater management. Construct a leaf collection area in lower Rupley park for borough leaves.

6.) Knisely Hall park expansion

Acquisition of property to expand Knisely Hall park. Demolition costs, including tree removal, site preparation and parking lot design.

Rain gardens in parking area.

Redo entire existing parking lot including flood abatement.

Redo building to add overhang and water requirement to do Fire engine washing. Redirect wastewater and rainwater flows into new outlets.

Replace grass in front area with ground cover.

Resurface entire area with permeable materials.

Repave street to connect parts of new park area with permeable materials.

Consider solar for heating and hot water in building.

Establish River museum in redesigned Knisely Hall.

e) **Vehicle Parking – Pine Street**

After discussion by Council, Dr. Deklinski suggested that the Street Parking Ordinance be reviewed as a whole, in conjunction with the Borough Solicitor, for potential amendments.

f) **South Bridge Tolling Legal Challenge**

Dr. Deklinski updated Councilmembers on the status of the legal challenge filed against PennDOT by local municipalities. Council to further discuss what the specifics would be for involvement with the challenge.

g) **Initiation of Strategic Planning Process and PEL Report Review**

Ms. Stuart supplied Council with an excel sheet providing an overview of the PEL Report recommendations and concepts.

OPEN DISCUSSION OR PROPOSALS FOR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Dr. Deklinski advised that the readiness to ARPA Funds is upcoming and to consider the use of the funds towards projects. In addition, Dr. Deklinski noted that Finance Recommendations noted on the PEL report could be reviewed for consideration of ARPA Funds.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: On motion made by Dr. Deklinski, Council meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Borough Manager

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