

MINUTES
July 23, 2019
Milford Township Building
560 Route 6 & 209, Milford PA
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: At 1900hrs the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. James SeChrist, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following

Member/Title	Present
Kevin Nearing/Vice Chairman	No
Robert DiLorenzo/Member	No
Larry Kotar/Member	Yes
Patrick McCarthy/Member	Yes
Anthony Magnotta/Solicitor	Yes
Shawn Bolles, Zoning Officer	Yes
Shahana Shamim, Secretary	Yes

Larry Kotar made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of the meeting of 5-28-2019, 6-25-2019, and the workshop minutes of 7-8-2019, Patrick McCarthy seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Special Events:

Mr. SeChrist said that enforcing this ordinance would be difficult, as Shawn was the only code enforcement officer. He suggested that these events could be coordinated with EMS and Fire Services, and there will be a checklist for coordination. He added that the hold harmless agreement will keep the Township not liable if anything happens in these events. He further said that he would ask Shawn if a Township Manager could be appointed for these eventful days. Mr. McCarthy added that enforcing this Ordinance on the days, such as Labor days, Independence days, when a lot of events happen at the same time, might be difficult. Larry Kotar said that he would take Shawn's input about this Ordinance the next Monday. Mr. Kotar added that enforcing this Ordinance is important, as events often go out of control, and people often end up calling 911. The Solicitor asserted the difficulty of managing special events, as this Municipality has limited resources like other Municipalities. He explained that currently for events such as using the Township's parking lot for carwashes and using Township's building for meetings, applications are handed to the office and then approved by the Supervisors in their regularly scheduled meetings.

Patrick McCarthy inquired if it would be possible to project the number of attendants for events. The Solicitor replied that that number would be hard to guess. Mr. SeChrist inquired if the events such as 5K Runs and Cookie Sales were being tracked. The Solicitor replied that these events could be tracked

from the meeting minutes. He added that the Permit Manager software is capable of tracking what type of permits (building, sewage etc.) are being issued, and could be capable of tracking such events.

Mr. SeChrist inquired if it would be possible to hold the Planning Board meetings on 4th Mondays instead of 4th Tuesdays in the following year. The Solicitor replied that he won't be available on 4th Mondays.

Fireworks Ordinance:

The Solicitor said that the coordination time with Fire department should be increased from 24 hours to 48 or 72 hours. He also asked to eliminate the phrase, "'Class C' or 'consumer-grade' fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material" from the definition of "Consumer Fireworks".

County Corner:

Mr. SeChrist said that this section will be added in every agenda from then on. He explained that he would discuss what are sent and received to and from County, and what might be needed to be sent to County. He continued that the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (Section 409) was sent to the County for comments, and the Township did not owe anything else to the County. He added that no comments were received from County as of then. The Solicitor asked Shahana to get the Supervisors' signatures for the approved Kennels Ordinance, and send it to the County and Law Library.

Public Participation:

Erika Burnett asked how the Members were going to update the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. SeChrist explained that each Member took responsibilities for a number of sections of the Comprehensive Plan. Each Member would meet with their focus groups and take input from volunteer residents. The Members will discuss their own focus group's input and prepare drafts for the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Phyllis Simpson inquired if the Comprehensive Plan would be updated jointly with the Borough. Mr. SeChrist replied that the Members would update the Plan only for the Township first, hand the draft to the Supervisors, and then the Supervisors will decide about the next step. The Solicitor inquired to Mr. SeChrist if these focus groups would be public. Mr. SeChrist replied that volunteers would be able to join for the focus group, and they can meet here or anywhere else.

Rachel Hendricks said that the Fishing Derby at the Pike County Park used to sell food, but according to this new Ordinance they won't be able to sell food anymore without a permit. She pointed out the Prom event in Grey Towers as another event, which would require a permit according to this proposed Ordinance. She said that GAIT used to do animal shows, which would require having permits also. Mr. Kotar said that animal shows were GAIT's business, and it should not fall into the category of Special Events. Rachel further said that a notice of 90 days seemed a long period of time for a lot of assemblies. The Solicitor explained that so far for holding cookie sales, carwashes, and meetings in the Township building and parking lot needed filling out applications and approval by the Supervisors. He added that the point of the Special Events Ordinance was for the events, which would impede traffic. Mr. SeChrist suggested tracking down the past events for updating this Ordinance. He asked Shahana to check the Permit Manager for events.

Rachel Hendricks inquired if the Code Enforcement Officer had enough knowledge about the pyrotechnics. The Solicitor replied that the law requires the Fire Chief to have knowledge about it. Rachel further inquired if the hold harmless agreement would protect the Township from liabilities. The Solicitor replied that there will be bonds for larger displays. Erika Burnett informed about some very loud

explosives, which was used in the properties of Milford Township. She inquired if that would be covered by this Ordinance. The Solicitor replied 'no'.

There were no other businesses or executive sessions needed, so Mr. SeChrist made a motion to adjourn, Mr. McCarthy seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully,

Shahana Shamim

Secretary