

PENN HILLS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2021

1. Approval of Agenda Items
Mayor Calabrese announced there were no changes to the agenda.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Calabrese led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
Roll call was taken. Mayor Calabrese, Deputy Mayor Sapp, and Councilors Petrucci, Getsy and Pecora were present.
4. Approval of Minutes. Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve the minutes for November 16, 2020; December 21, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Councilman Petrucci made the Motion. Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded it. Roll was called. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Calabrese opened public comment on the agenda.

Resident Pete McQuillan, 227 Kansas Street addressed council. Mr. McQuillan commented on Item 7(a) and said he was concerned about the no parking ordinance.

Greg Swatchick, 648 Gramac Lane, addressed council. Mr. Swatchick said that he wanted more information about item 6(a).

NEW BUSINESS:

6. **RESOLUTIONS**

a. Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01, Approving a Minor Budget Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for FY 2020 to provide funding for the single family rehab program. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. It was seconded by Councilman Getsy. Mayor Calabrese asked for council comments. Roll was called. The resolution was approved unanimously.

b. Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02, Granting Conditional Use Approval to Dino Folino for the Construction of a private recreational/soccer facility to be located in the vicinity of Colorado Street and Hunter Road. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Getsy seconded it. Mayor Calabrese asked for council comments.

Deputy Mayor Sapp invited Mr. Folino, who was participating in the virtual meeting, to offer information on the project. Mr. Folino and a representative from KU Resources addressed council and shared information about his project. Councilman Getsy

requested additional information on conditional uses. Deputy Mayor Sapp asked about the amount of fill needed for the project. Councilman Getsy asked about whether the facility would be open to non-residents. Mayor Calabrese spoke in support of the project and asked about the parking issues. The Planning Director gave additional information about the project.

Roll was called. The resolution was approved unanimously.

7. **ORDINANCES**

a. Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve Ordinance 2681 of 2021, Restricting No Parking on the entire length of Colorado Street on both sides of the roadway. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Pecora seconded it. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments. Councilman Petrucci, Councilman Getsy and Deputy Mayor Sapp expressed concerns about how a parking restriction may impact the cemetery. The Planning Director explained why the Planning Commission included a parking restriction. The Manager suggested postponing the parking restriction until the project was further along.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to table Ordinance 2681. Deputy Mayor Sapp made a motion to table. Councilman Petrucci seconded it. A roll call vote to table it was called. The item was tabled unanimously.

8. **APPROVALS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

a. Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve the 2021 Recreation Program Calendar. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sapp. Mayor Calabrese called for council comments. Roll was called. The item was approved unanimously.

b. Mayor Calabrese introduced Liza King and requested that council approve her appointment to the Planning Commission. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded it. Mayor Calabrese called for council comment. Councilman Petrucci and Deputy Mayor Sapp welcomed her to the commission. Roll was called. The motion to appoint Liza King to the Penn Hills Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021 was approved unanimously.

Liza King thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment.

9. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Getsy asked about the status of the Bed and Breakfast Ordinance that was tabled at an earlier meeting. Mayor Calabrese said that workshop meetings were needed, in order to discuss many of these items.

Councilman Petrucci raised the subject of electing council by ward elections and shared information about the idea.

Councilman Getsy talked about the need for more information in the budget and his desire for workshops.

Deputy Mayor Sapp announced that the EMS staff had their first round of COVID vaccines. She also shared a resident's feedback on the positive experience the resident had with Penn Hills EMS.

Councilman Pecora said he would like to hear Mr. Vento's thoughts are on creating ward elections.

Mayor Calabrese suggested a second meeting in 2021, which would allow for more interactive discussion with public and staff. Mayor Calabrese also spoke about the infrastructure work being done in Penn Hills, and wished everyone a happy new year.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no residents signed up for public comment on non-agenda items.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM

Respectfully submitted,

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