

**Oakmont Borough Council**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**252 (Final)**  
**February 8, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Briney in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All those who were present and able stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Benusa, Coulter, Facaros, Favo, Friday, Whalen, and President Briney; Mayor Fescemyer, Chief DiSanti; Borough Manager Jensen; Assistant Secretary Jeroski; Solicitor Ott

Excused: None

Visitors: David Carroll, Donna DeTurck, Ken Doyno, Jeff McCauley, Rose O'Connor, Rose O'Connor, Ray Rogers Jr., AJ Schwartz, Shelly Shadle and Richard Williams

**REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no registered comments from the public that evening.

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There were no comments from the public to begin the evening.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Washington Avenue Closure** – Ms. Jensen read a letter, received February 1, 2016, from Craig McNair, requesting permission to close the 300 block of Washington Avenue for one hour on July 30, 2016 for Mr. McNair's wedding at Riverside Community Church. Chief DiSanti will speak with Mr. McNair to address some concerns on traffic and safety. It was noted that the Oakmont Chamber's Summer Street Sale was the same date as Mr. McNair's wedding.

**Support for Kayak Launch** – Ms. Jensen read a letter, received February 4, 2016, from Chip Fisher, expressing his support for the kayak launch on the former Benjamin Moore Paint property. Mr. Fisher liked the location due to its proximity to the nearby dam in Springdale and 12-mile Island.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**December 14, 2015 Minutes** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015 as written.

Mrs. Facaros seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**December 28, 2015 Minutes** – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting of December 28, 2015 as amended.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**January 4, 2016 Minutes** – Mr. Coulter offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2016 as written.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**January 11, 2016 Minutes** – Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2016 as written.

Mr. Benusa seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**Reporting Matrix** – President Briney noted that he had provided Council Members with a reporting schedule for boards and commissions that he would like to implement in 2016. There was general support among Council Members for the new reporting schedule.

**New Fire Engine** – President Briney noted that the OVFD had begun discussion with Borough Council last year on the purchase of a new fire engine. President Briney stated that he had met with Fire Chief Carroll recently, and that Chief Carroll had expressed concerns with on-going maintenance for Fire Engine #1 and the fact that it did not meet current safety standards. There was some discussion on financing and leasing options for the purchase of a new fire engine. The OVFD will provide fit-out costs, estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and there will be a fundraising campaign for the new truck as well. Mr. Whalen asked the timeframe for delivery of a new fire engine. Fire Chief Carroll replied that it would be between 15-18 months. There was minor discussion on the cost of maintenance of Fire Engines #1 and #2 in recent years.

**Regular Meeting Date Change** – President Briney said that Council would be changing the order of its Work Sessions and Regular Meetings. Beginning in May 2016, the first Monday of the month will be the Regular Meeting and the second meeting will be the Work Session. President Briney remarked that this would provide extra time between Work Sessions and Regular Meetings to get information to Council Members.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Drone Ordinance** – Solicitor Ott reported that her firm was researching ordinances regulating drones. Solicitor Ott had spoken with the Federal Aviation Administration recently, and will provide further guidance on drone ordinances at the March Work Session.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Creekside Gas Well** – Ms. Jensen reported that Huntley & Huntley, owners of a gas well at Creekside Park, have forwarded a lease agreement and drawings to the Borough. Ms. Jensen has provided this information to the Recreation Board, which will be in touch with Huntley & Huntley to discuss how trails at Creekside Park impact the gas well.

**Year-Round Borough Parks** – Ms. Jensen requested that Council Members begin to consider the possibility of keeping Riverside Park open 12 months a year. Ms. Jensen noted that this was part of the Riverside Park Master Plan, but that there needed to be financial considerations given the staffing costs of keeping the park open through the winter.

**School Sculpture** – Ms. Jensen stated that Riverview School District had proposed the construction of a sculpture to memorialize the old Hulton Bridge. Ms. Jensen added that she had turned the matter over to Code Enforcement Associates, since the monument required a footer, which necessitated a building permit.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**January Police Report** – Council Members reviewed the January 2016 Police Report at their desks. President Briney praised the work of the Police Department in the recent rescue of a small dog from a storm sewer line near Ann Street.

**January OVFD Report** – Council Members reviewed the January 2016 OVFD Report at their desks.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Environment**

**December Warrants** – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for January 2016, dated January 27, 2016, including expenditures totaling \$323,776.47 for all funds.

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<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$207,899.57
Boulevard Project Fund	\$593.50
Kerr Museum Fund	\$2,691.18
Library Fund	\$27,463.76
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$-0-
Sewer Fund	\$84,628.46
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$500.00
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$-0-
Capital Reserve Fund	\$-0-

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Plum Creek Stream Bank Project** – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept the Professional Services Agreement of Bankson Engineers, Inc. for surveying and engineering of the Plum Creek Bank Protection and Gravel Bar Removal Project, at a cost not to exceed \$14,400.00.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**River's Edge Revised Subdivision** – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Oakmont Planning Commission to approve the Revised Subdivision Plan #4 of Brooks & Blair Waterfront Properties LP for the River's Edge Plan.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Coulter Resignation** – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept the resignation of George Coulter from the Property Maintenance and Uniform Construction Code Boards of Appeal, effective immediately.

Mrs. Facaros seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Public Safety**

Mr. Coulter had nothing to report that evening.

**Education and Recreation**

**Kayak Launch** – Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to accept the findings of the Oakmont Water Trail Access Feasibility Study to locate the proposed kayak launch at the Borough-owned property at 1045 Allegheny Avenue.

President Briney and Mr. Favo felt that the Allegheny River was a major asset that needed to be leveraged in the community. President Briney acknowledged past testimony from nearby residents regarding their privacy and security needs.

Mr. Benusa seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Designating Public Park** – Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to designate the Borough-owned property at 1045 Allegheny Avenue as a public park within the Parks System of the Borough of Oakmont.

Mayor Fescemyer asked if the Park Crew would handle maintenance of the property. President Briney replied that the Park Crew would work in conjunction with Friends of the Riverfront to maintain the property.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Creekside Park Trails** – Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to approve the proposal of the Oakmont Recreation Board to establish trails in Creekside Park, at a cost not to exceed \$17,274.00.

Mrs. Facaros made note of all the volunteer work that had been done by individuals to get the Recreation Board to the point of establishing trails in Creekside Park.

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Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Public Works**

**Resolution No. R20-2016, CITF Grant** – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R20-2016, and moved for its adoption, a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funds from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County to support the replacement of Mechanical Bar Screens at the Borough of Oakmont Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 33, as **Resolution No. R20-2016**.

**Administration and Culture**

**Assistant Manager Job Description** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the job description of the Assistant Borough Manager and Secretary.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Oakmont Commons Trees** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to agree to reimburse the Oakmont Commons Homeowners Association for one-half the cost of removing 19 white pines and their stumps behind the homes of 300-310 Canterbury Court and 70 New London Lane, not to exceed \$3,900.00.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Technology**

Mr. Whalen had nothing to report that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public to end the meeting.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS** – President Briney referred those present to the list of public meetings itemized in the Agenda, noting that dates were correct as of publication of the Agenda.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mr. Briney recognized the success of Punxsy in the Park, and read a report and testimonials from participants in the event provided by Dolly Provenza.

Assignments for Solicitor Ott and Ms. Jensen were reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Whalen offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Benusa seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Cooper Jensen  
Borough Manager

Transcribed by: Ryan Jeroski