

CALL TO ORDER

The Reconvened 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; Borough Manager Jensen and Assistant Manager Jeroski; Mayor Fescemyer, Chief DiSanti; Solicitor Ott

Excused: None

Visitors: Tony Folino, David Ivanek, Karen Schriver, Jonathan Woche

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no registered comments from the public that evening.

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Kerri Delroso – Ms. Delroso provided Council Members with a letter expressing support for a six month trial of 24/7 operations at Speedway's gas station/convenience store at 303 Hulton Road. Ms. Delroso felt that Speedway had been generous to the community and youth sports organizations. Ms. Delroso felt that it was important to the business environment in Oakmont that Borough Council grant Speedway the trial period. Ms. Delroso talked about recent criminal activity in the Borough and her experience working with the Oakmont Police Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

Police Memo – Ms. Jensen read a Memo, dated April 5, 2016, from Chief DiSanti in response to the proposed 24/7 trial period for Speedway. Chief DiSanti expressed concern about potential loitering on the property during late night hours and created a place for youth to congregate late at night. Ms. Jensen noted this Memo had been presented to Planning Commission as well.

Speedway 24/7 Trial – Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated May 4, 2016, from the Oakmont Planning Commission recommending that Council deny Speedway's request for a 24/7 trial period. The Planning Commission expressed concern about the 24/7 operations impact on nearby residential properties, the precedent-setting nature of allowing Speedway to operate 24/7 and the points made Chief DiSanti's Memo of April 5, 2016.

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION – A. FOLINO CONSTRUCTION

Creekside Commons Industrial Park – President Briney reviewed the proposed conditions Council Members had discussed previously for the Creekside Commons Industrial Park at 101-105 Dark Hollow Road. President Briney explained the zoning regulations on the development of the property, and read aloud the conditions Council would place on the Creekside Commons Industrial Park.

[A copy of this Conditional Use Approval is affixed to these Minutes]

Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Oakmont Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Application of A. Folino Construction, Inc. for

the Creekside Commons Industrial Park at 101-105 Dark Hollow Road, subject to the aforementioned conditions.

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

TRAFFIC SIGNAL RESOLUTION

Resolution No. R25-2016, Traffic Signal Approval Plan – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R25-2016, and moved for its adoption, a Resolution authorizing the filing of a traffic signal approval plan with PennDOT for a rapid-fire rectangular flashing beacon at the intersection of Third Street and Hulton Road.

Ms. Jensen noted that submittal of this plan was part of PennDOT’s approval process, and that PennDOT had prepared the plan for the Borough. There was some discussion among Council about the cost of the project and the source of the funding.

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

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page __ as **Resolution No. R25-2016**.

SPEEDWAY OPERATIONS TRIAL PERIOD

24/7 Trial Period – Mr. Favo remarked that he was unconvinced either way on allowing a 24/7 trial period for Speedway, and that he would accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission in the absence of a strong argument from either side. Mr. Whalen concurred with Mr. Favo’s position. Mrs. Friday talked about businesses fitting into the character of Oakmont, and acknowledged all the work Speedway had done in the community. Mrs. Friday noted her respect for the position of the Oakmont Planning Commission, but expressed her support for a six month trial period. Mrs. Facaros noted her difficulty in rejecting a trial period, which she felt would provide important data for making a permanent decision.

Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept the recommendation of Oakmont Planning Commission to reject the request of Speedway LLC for a six month trial period of 24/7 operations at their convenience store at 303 Hulton Road.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion.

On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Nay	Mrs. Friday	Nay
Mr. Coulter	Nay	Mr. Whalen	Aye
Mrs. Facaros	Nay	President Briney	Nay
Mr. Favo	Aye		

The motion failed on a vote of 2 to 5.

Mrs. Friday offered a motion to accept a proposed six month trial period for 24/7 operations at Speedway LLC’s convenience store at 303 Hulton Road.

Mr. Benusa asked about the possibility of placing conditions on Speedway to alleviate the concerns of the community. President Briney replied that the purposed of the trial period was simply to collect data. Mayor Fescemyer asked that Speedway post “No Loitering” signs on their property. There was continued discussion among Council Members about how to evaluate the six month trial period.

Mrs. Facaros seconded the motion.

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On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Aye	Mrs. Friday	Aye
Mr. Coulter	Aye	Mr. Whalen	Aye
Mrs. Facaros	Aye	President Briney	Aye
Mr. Favo	Aye		

The motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Wocher stated that the six month trial period would begin June 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Coulter offered a motion to adjourn the Reconvened Regular Meeting to the Council Work Session. Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper Jensen
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:
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