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Borough Council

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[ARCHIVED] Recent Action Report: Monday, May 7 2018, Borough Council Regular Meeting

A. Kids to Park Day – Mayor Donald Hahn issued a proclamation declaring May 19, 2018, as Kids to Parks Day. Pam Salokangas, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Director, accepted the proclamation.

B. Mental Health Awareness Month & Mental Wellness Day – Mayor Hahn issued a proclamation declaring May 12, 2018, Mental Wellness Day and the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Marisa Vicere of the Jana Marie Foundation accepted a proclamation.

C. Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day – Mayor Hahn issued a proclamation declaring May 12, 2018, to be Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day. Jay Ammerman and Kim Randolph accepted the proclamation.

You can download these proclamations [here](#).

D. Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority's (CRPR) Annual Report – Pam Salokangas, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Director, presented the annual report to Council and James Dunn, the Borough's member on the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, provided Council with an update on the Authority's activities.

E. Resolution in Support of the Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law – Council Member, Dan Murphy, proposed a resolution in support of the Anti-Hazing Law recently introduced by Senator Jake Corman and in response to the untimely death of Penn State Student Timothy Piazza. Council adopted the resolution.

Consent Items

Council approved the following items:

- Approved the use of University Drive on Sunday, July 1, 2018, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., for the annual YMCA of Centre County's Happy Valley Sprint Triathlon.

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- Approve *with conditions* the closure of Calder Way (from McAllister to South Allen Street and from Locust Lane to Hiester Street), as well as the 100 block of South Allen Street, on the second Sunday of each month, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., for the State College Culture Crawl and Festival.
- The dates for this activity are as follows: May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, and October 7, 2018 (date shift due to PSU football schedule).
- Approved the use of the 100 block of South Allen Street, on Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for the State College Rotary Club’s 5th Annual Ice Cream Festival.
- Approved with conditions the use of the Municipal Building lobby and restrooms, along with the closure of various Borough streets and roads, on Wednesday, July 4, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., for the annual 4thFest Independence Day Parade, which is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania July 4th, Inc.
- Approved with conditions the use of the Community Room on December 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2018, for Santa’s Workshop, which is part of the annual Downtown State College Improvement District’s and Schlow Centre Region Library’s Polar Express Event.
- Awarded the Base Bid for the Park Avenue (SR 3007) Shortlidge Road NW Traffic Pole & Foundation Replacement Project to Tel-Power Inc., the low responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$89,992.10.
- Approved the resolution authorizing the Manager or his designee to execute the application, plans, and permits for the traffic signal upgrades at Whitehall Road (SR3018) and Blue Course Drive.
- Approved a temporary construction easement over a portion of the Borough’s adjoining property to provide access to the rear of their property from University Drive during construction the Bellaire Avenue Apartment project at 709-719 Bellaire Avenue and authorize the Manager to execute the construction easement agreement.
- Approved the following appointments to the Historical and Architectural Review Board:

Rosalie Bloom-Brooks	December 31, 2021
Eric Boeldt	December 31, 2022
Richard Bryant	December 31, 2023
Harry J. Burd	December 31, 2022
Chuck Gambone	December 31, 2020
Alan Popovich	December 31, 2023
Eric White	December 31, 2021

General Policy and Administration

Administrative Code Amendment – Upon review, it was determined that the Anti-Discrimination Policy contradicts the Bereavement Leave section (1014) in Part J. The Anti-Discrimination Policy ensures that all personnel actions, such

as “benefits” will be administered without regard to “familial status, family responsibility, marital status”, whereas Part J does not allow for employees to take bereavement days for their domestic partner’s family members (ex: domestic partner’s mother). Staff proposed a Bereavement Leave amendment to resolve this contradiction. Council enacted the amendment.

Public Works

A. Request for Holly Alley Vacation – Council was asked to schedule a public hearing to consider the vacation Holly Alley between Fraternity Row and Clover Alley. Council previously reviewed a proposed ordinance to approve this alley vacation at their March 5, 2018 meeting. The ordinance was provided to the State College Planning Commission and the Centre County Planning Commission. Council scheduled a public hearing on the vacation of Holly Alley for June 4, 2018 and authorized notice of the hearing and intent to enact the ordinance.

B. Request for E Alley Vacation – Council was asked to schedule a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of E Alley between West Prospect Avenue and Hill Alley. A petition from the abutting property owners to vacate this portion of E Alley was presented to Council on October 16, 2017 who voted to refer the petition to the Planning Commission. Staff sought comments from the Centre Region and Centre County Planning Commissions and presented the petition to the Planning Commission at their April 4 meeting. Council scheduled a public hearing on the vacation of E Alley for June 4, 2018 and authorized notice of the hearing and intent to enact the ordinance.

C. Amend the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance for a Speed Limit Reduction on Atherton Street

In March, the Municipality petitioned the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to perform a speed limit reduction study along Atherton Street, from the north municipal line to the south municipal line.

PennDOT’s study indicated a speed limit reduction was justified from West Mitchell Avenue to West Prospect Avenue; however, it was not justified from West Prospect Avenue to South Allen Street.

Council enacted the ordinance amendment and directed staff to re-petition PennDOT to perform a speed limit reduction study from West Prospect Avenue to South Allen Street.

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