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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss real estate. Council reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Council President, George Hinton, informed those present that no action will be taken at this time.

On motion by Dave Valley to table the real estate offer until the next Council meeting and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried out unanimously.

Attorney Karasek stated that no action will be taken until the next Council meeting scheduled for October 5, 2015.

The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Council President, George Hinton, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: Jon Faust, David Valley, Tony Curcio, Joe Weaver, and Dave Hess. Also in attendance were Mayor James Shoemaker, Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Borough Engineer Brian Pysher and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Councilmen Kerry Gassler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eily Leicht from Boy Scout Troop 33, Pen Argyl, addressed Council regarding hosting a Troop gathering in Wind Gap Park and to promote the awareness of the Appalachian Trail Community. She would like to use the Wind Gap Park for a two (2) day event. If allowed they would bring in vendors, cook outdoors, schedule entertainment, and have outdoor activities for all to participate. They would like to make this their Annual Camporee where Boy Scout Troops from surrounding areas would come to participate. Eily stated that she is attending this Council Meeting to see what the possibilities are and what they can bring into the Park. Sharon Davis, Manager, Slate Belt Community Partnership, stated that Wind Gap, as an Appalachian Trail Community, is committed to hosting an event as was stated in their application for designation as a trail community and to utilize the Park. Eily said they would like this event to take place on July 8 through the 10th of 2016. Dave Valley was concerned that this may interfere with Summer Sounds and it was confirmed that there was no conflict between the two events. Dave Valley also reminded Eily that vehicles are not allowed in the park. Eily said that she has used the Wind Gap Park in the past with her Scouts. When questioned about campfires, Eily said that they used the grills instead of having an enclosed fire. Council recommended that Eily attend our November or December meeting with a list of activities that they would like to have. George Hinton questioned how many and what types of vendors that would be invited to this event. Eily said there would be food vendors and outfitters. George Hinton stated that it would be beneficial to have an agenda to present to Council. Joe Weaver stated that this should be discussed at the Park Board Meeting. Dave Valley said he would encourage it as long as it does not interfere with other Park commitments. Joe Weaver questioned whether the Community Yard Sale would be a conflict. Sharon Davis stated that all local Troops in the area

will be participating in this event. George Hinton stated that they should come back with an agenda and additional information for the November/December meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Tony Curcio to approve the minutes for September 8th Council meeting and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. In favor: G. Hinton, D. Valley, J. Faust, T. Curcio, D. Hess. Opposed: J. Weaver. Motion carried 5 – 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EMS – Ambulance Board Meeting scheduled for September 23, 2015.
2. Fire Company – Jon Faust stated that they had 13 calls for the month with a total of 83 calls for the year.
3. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that there is a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting scheduled for October 7, 2015 regarding the sign variance for Auto Zone.
4. Planning – A Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2015 to review the Auto Zone land development plan.
5. Municipal Authority – Joe Weaver stated that at the August 26th meeting they announced that Mr. Reese, Jr. has been hired as a full time employee. Joe said that they hired Doli Construction Corporation for the North Broadway project. He said that the Municipal Authority has concerns regarding new homes on First Street being built by Tuskes Homes where they are pouring the foundation prior to connection with the sewer.

Joe said that the Sewer Authority did not receive the application from the Borough regarding the Municipal Complex. Louise Firestone stated that the Feasibility Agreement for sewer hookup indicates the applicant (the Borough) is in receipt of the Authority's Rules and Regulations. The Borough is waiting for their copy.

6. Streets – Jon Faust reported that the street workers have been busy emptying trash cans and picking up trash at the Park. They have also mowed and weed wacked all Borough properties. They have completed pipe work on Jefferson Street, cleaned drains, patched roads, cleaned out the old Ambulance building, removed handicapped sign on North Lehigh checked fire extinguishers and repaired the door at the old Borough Office on Mechanic Street.
7. Parks – Dave Valley reported that the September meeting was cancelled. He stated that Summer Sounds was a success. They have collected over \$600.00 in donations from the concerts.

George Hinton questioned Brian Pysher as to the status of the electrical work for the Park. Brian said that he should have the plans ready next week.

8. 911 – Tony Curcio had nothing to report.
9. Tipping Fees - Tony Curcio reported that we received \$185,642.40 from Waste Management for the year. The Capitol Reserve funds currently available are \$453,371.93.

10. Regional Police – Mayor Shoemaker reported that the Slate Belt Regional Police responded to a total of 642 incidents, 180 were for Wind Gap. He stated that there is positive feedback regarding the Regional Police and the great job they are doing.

Dave Valley expressed his thanks for their time at the Dedication on September 19th.

George Hinton questioned the Mayor on the status of the funds for the Police. He stated that the funds from Pen Argyl and Wind Gap are up to date whereas Plainfield is not. The Mayor said that at the last meeting Plainfield said they will catch up.

11. Park Master Plan – Joe Weaver reported that he and Louise Firestone meet with SGA on September 11 for a walk through the Park. He said that they made suggestions and had questions regarding the equipment in the Park. Joe said he is currently in the process of gathering Committee members for the Park Master Plan. They currently have Nick Calabrese from the Wind Gap Film Club and Tim Egan the Athletic Director for Pen Argyl High School. They are currently looking for an active senior resident to be on the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shoemaker reported that the COG meeting is scheduled for September 23rd, all are invited to attend. He said they are in discussion about an Animal Control Officer (ACO). Mayor Shoemaker said that the Dedication for Wind Gap's Appalachian Trail Community went very well. He stated that Wind Gap is proud of their part and will be a great host to the hikers. Mayor Shoemaker was given signs for the Appalachian Trail that will be placed by the "Welcome To Wind Gap" sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Jefferson Street Paving – The bid packets were opened at 1:15 p.m. on September 22, 2015. The bid amounts are; Barker & Barker at \$45,160.00, Livengood Excavators at \$49,651.30, The H & K Group at \$33,705.00, Bracalente Construction at \$46,750.00, and Willow Grove Paving at \$29,499.00.

On motion by Dave Hess to award Willow Grove Paving \$29,499.00 and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call taken. Council agreed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 61 North Lehigh Street – On Tuesday, September 15, 2015 Attorney Karasek, George Hinton, and Brian Pysher were at the Northampton Courthouse for a hearing regarding the Davey's property. The court reached an agreement to require the heirs to open an estate. The Judge suggested that we contact the mortgage holders to inquire if they are willing to do the work. If the mortgage holders are not willing, then the Borough will do the cleanup and place a Municipal Lien against the property. Attorney Karasek said we should hear something within a month regarding the action to be taken.

George Hinton reported that there are multiple properties within the Borough that are in disrepair. He said that there are one to two of them in each section of Wind Gap. He would like Council to re-consider a Property Maintenance Code.

On motion by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of September 22, 2015. Council agreed unanimously.

The meeting of September 22, 2015 adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator