

**BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY COUNCIL
PARKING AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2023**

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER by Committee Chair, Shawn Myers at 5:36pm

MEETING ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

X if present	Council Member Name	X if present	Council Member Name	X if present	Other Name
X	Mattocks, Mary Kay	Absent	Bonner, Timothy (Solicitor)	X	Oakes, Vance (Boro Manager)
X	Morley, Shawn	X	DiStasi, Vincent	X	Pokrant, Taylor (Boro Sec.)
X	Myers, Shawn	X	Riddle, Randy (Mayor)	Absent	Goncz, Dan (Engineer)
Absent	Henry, James	X	Bigley, Joel (Vice-Pres)		
X	Hodge, Jeffrey	Absent	Zimmerman, William		
X	Gallagher, Amy	Absent	Riddle, Emmy(Jr. Council)		
X	Jaillet, Scott	Absent	Messer, Mac (Jr. Council)		

REQUEST FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- None

DISCUSSION GROVE CITY LITTLE EAGLES LEASE RENEWAL

- Representatives from the Grove City Little Eagles were present and requested that their lease be renewed for another year. Ms. Tammie Uber, Grove City Little Eagles, stated that the lease would be the same as last year and had been drafted and reviewed by Solicitor Bonner.
- Ms. Uber detailed five football camps that the Little Eagles would be planning in addition to their normal season, with camps occurring on 4/29, 5/27, 6/18, 7/8 and 7/22. Ms. Uber explained that their existing insurance would also cover these camps.
- Ms. Uber requested that Borough Council consider installing water service at the football field at Hunter Farm Park. Ms. Uber detailed that the Little Eagles would be willing to fundraise towards the material costs. Mr. Oakes stated that he would have a quote generated for what the cost of this will be.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GROVE CITY GIRLS FAST PITCH LEASE RENEWAL

- Mr. Oakes stated that water had been turned on today at the softball fields. Representatives from the Grove City Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association were present and requested that their lease be renewed for another year without a change to the terms and detailed that they would be hosting the ten and under tournament from 6/26-7/2. Mayor Riddle reminded the Association that each team would have to have an insurance policy or an event policy would have to be purchased. Mr. Oakes stated that they had done this in the past and have provided proof of insurance.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GCCA LEASE RENEWAL

- Mr. Oakes explained that a request was received from the Grove City Christian Academy to renew their lease for an additional year. Ms. Mattocks asked if it was a year-to-year lease. Mr. Oakes explained that it was and that he would work on getting a copy drafted.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ICE SKATING IN MEMORIAL PARK

- Mr. Jonathan DiBenedetto, 707 Ridgeway Ave, detailed his request to allow ice skating in Memorial Park. Mr. DiBenedetto detailed that he had spoken with Grove City College regarding how they

purchase insurance and it had been suggested that an event policy may be best for ice skating. Ms. Mattocks pointed out that pond did not freeze this year and Mayor Riddle asked if there were other communities that have allowed ice skating on ponds. Mr. DiBenedetto stated that Buhl Park has allowed ice skating in the park in the past. Mr. Shawn Myers questioned if Mr. DiBenedetto had any information on how Buhl handled this. Mr. DiBenedetto stated that he was not sure. Mr. Bigley questioned when the last time ice skating was allowed at Buhl. Mr. DiBenedetto stated that it was in 2018. Mr. Morley questioned if the lip or curbing at the basketball court was still functional that had been discussed previously. Ms. Mattocks stated that it had been paved over and was no longer usable for ice skating.

- Mr. Oakes suggested that Mr. DiBenedetto consider starting an ice-skating club and the Borough could enter a lease with the club as they do with sports teams. The club would then be responsible for buying event insurance for any ice-skating events that they hold. Mr. Oakes reiterated that the Borough's insurance carrier does not want the pond being used, but if an event policy was purchased by an association or club that it may be acceptable since the event policy would be the primary insurance. Mr. DiBenedetto will collect more information on insurance.

DISCUSSION REGARDING 2023 MEMORIAL PARK POOL SEASON

- Ms. Karen Wendelschaefter and Mr. Adam Cook from Grove City YMCA were present and detailed the results of the 2022 Park Pool Season. Mr. Cook explained that the pool was open more in 2022 due to good weather. Mr. Cook provided a detailed financial report to Council showing that the YMCA operated the pool at a loss of about three thousand dollars. Mr. Cook explained that 94 family passes, 12 individual passes, and 2,048 daily passes were sold in 2022. Mr. Cook explained that the YMCA remains committed to the pool for 2023 and intends to maintain their current prices.
- Mr. Oakes stated that a new robotic sweeper had been purchased for the pool this year. Mr. Oakes stated that there is still a leak in the pool that requires the water to be refilled to keep up with the leak. Mr. Cook stated that the constant addition of new water tends to make the pool colder.
- Ms. Mattocks thanked the YMCA for staying open later. She further detailed that she has been in touch with Chik-fil-a and they may be able to set up a food truck in the park for lunch one day a week this summer.
- Mr. Cook shared with Council that the YMCA, much like other employers, is struggling to find lifeguards.
- Ms. Mattocks asked when the start date for the pool season would be. Ms. Karen Wendelschaefter stated that they would open on 6/9 and close on 8/20.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NO-SMOKING POLICY IN BOROUGH PARKS

- Mr. Hodge explained that he had brought this issue up several months ago after he had received a complaint from a resident about a person smoking near a playground. Mr. Oakes explained that no policy exists today. Mr. Oakes asked Council if they wanted to institute a policy and if so, would they want it to be tobacco-free or just smoke-free.
- Ms. Mattocks asked Chief Taggart what his opinion on this was. Chief Taggart explained that it would be difficult to enforce such a policy, but the best way to do it would be to have an ordinance allowing for ticketing for the infraction. Chief Taggart suggested that a pilot be conducted if Council would like to implement this and see how it goes. Mr. DiStasi suggested that the initial focus be on playgrounds and the pool. Mr. Jaillet suggested that a 180-day trial be tested with signs. Mr. Bigley voiced his support for this. Mr. Oakes stated that he would consult with Solicitor Bonner regarding the legality of a trial period and reminded Council that the signs would have a cost that would have to be accounted for.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER by Council President, Mary Kay Mattocks 7:02 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER: was offered by **Mary Kay Mattocks**

MEETING ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

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- None

RECOGNITION OF DEAN OSBORNE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY

- Mayor Riddle thanked Chief Osborne for his years of service to the Borough. Chief Osborne expressed his gratitude to the Borough and asked that everyone keep his son in their thoughts/prayers as he is recovering from heart surgery.

PRESENTATION OF OFFICER OF THE YEAR

- Interim Chief Chris Taggart presented Officer William Nicol with the Officer of the Year Award. Chief Taggart expressed his thanks to Officer Nicol and detailed his service throughout the year. Officer Nicol expressed his appreciation for receiving the award.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Mr. Oakes explained that Resolution 2023-07 needed to be added to the agenda. Mr. Oakes detailed that this resolution would adopt the Mercer County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Borough of Grove City.
➤ **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to add Resolution 2023-07 to the agenda and to approve it. Mr. Shawn Morley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS PAID' REPORT

- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to approve the 'Bills Paid' report. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF 'BILLS-TO-BE-PAID' REPORT

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the 'Bills to be Paid' report. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2023, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023, AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2023

➤ **Mr. Shawn Morley moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 20, 2023, Infrastructure Committee Meeting on February 27, 2023, and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on March 8, 2023. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

GROVE CITY LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Amy Gallagher stated that the American Girl Tea Party had been a success with over 40 participants. Ms. Gallagher shared that the Library has had success with much of their child and adult programming. Ms. Gallagher reported that the Library has ancestry and job search assistance resources that the community can use.

CONSIDER EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REQUEST BY JACE GORRELL TO CONSTRUCT A GAGA BALL PIT AT MEMORIAL PARK

- Mr. Jace Gorrell, candidate for his Eagle Scout award, explained how Gaga Ball is played and described that he would like to install a Gaga Ball pit behind the Monteleone Picnic Shelter. Mr. Gorrell explained that he met with Mr. Barry Spiker, Public Works Supervisor, and Mr. Spiker felt this would be a good location.. Mr. Gorrell stated that the project would cost about \$1,200 and that he would be fundraising for it. Mr. Gorrell shared that the pit would be about 8'x8' and he expected to have it completed by October. Mr. Oakes thanked Mr. Gorrell and stated that he would get a letter to him approving the project on behalf of the Borough.

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WINE WALK TO BE HELD ON 11/4/2023 FROM 12-4PM

- Mr. Vance Oakes noted that this event would be the same as last year. Ms. Beth Black, Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce, was present and explained the requested road closures and bathroom locations. Ms. Black shared that she had a lot of interest from merchants and expected strong participation from them.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to approve the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Event. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER 2021 CDBG REALLOCATION FOR MEMORIAL PARK WALKING TRAIL PROJECT

- Mr. Oakes shared that Council had approved a reallocation of up to \$50,000 to the Memorial Park Walking Trail Project and this was based upon an estimate that was done by Mr. Spiker. However, the Borough Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost exceeded \$50,000 and was \$63,388. Mr. Oakes stated that he is requesting that Council increase the reallocation to an amount up to \$63,388 instead of \$50,000.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the reallocation of up to \$63,388 from the Borough of Grove City's 2021 CDBG Funds to support the Memorial Park Walking Trail Project. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE TO BE HELD IN THE MONTELEONE SHELTER AT MEMORIAL PARK ON 4/9/23 FROM 6-8AM

- **Mr. Jeff Hodge moved to approve the Easter Sunrise Service. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER MOU WITH COMMUNITY FOOD WAREHOUSE FOR THE 2023 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AT MEMORIAL PARK FROM 6/14/23-8/16/23

- Mr. Oakes explained that the Food Warehouse would be serving meals once a week at Memorial Park for 10 weeks throughout the summer. Mr. Oakes explained that the meals will be free to anyone.
- **Mr. Jeff Hodge moved to approve the MOU with Community Food Warehouse. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

REPORT FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- Mr. Joel Bigley reported that the Infrastructure Committee had met and discussed Mr. Evan Lowe’s request that the height be increased in the Residential Limited Commercial District for multiple family dwellings from 35 feet to 50 feet. Mr. Bigley stated that it was the committee’s recommendation that the ordinance be amended to accommodate this request. Mr. Pokrant shared that an ordinance draft had been prepared and was on the agenda. Mr. Pokrant explained that in addition to the height change in the RLC, there was a change in the use table for the R-2 District, reclassifying multiple family dwellings/accessory apartments as a conditional use. Mr. Pokrant explained that this was more in line with how they were treated in other residential districts.
- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to advertise the Intent to Adopt Ordinance 1490 Modifying the Height Requirements in the RLC and Use Table in the R-2 District. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Bigley shared that the Infrastructure Committee had also met and discussed the Ward 4 Stormwater Project and that the Borough would be working on grant opportunities to fund this project.

REPORT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Mr. Shawn Myers reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had met immediately prior to the regular meeting. Mr. Myers detailed that the Committee had met with the Grove City Little Eagles regarding their lease renewal and recommended that their lease be renewed for another year.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Grove City Little Eagles Lease Renewal. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Myers shared that the Little Eagles were also planning five football camps for 4/29, 5/27, 6/18, 7/8 and 7/22. Mr. Myers recommended that these camps be approved contingent upon receipt of insurance.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Grove City Little Eagles Football Camps contingent upon receipt of insurance. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Myers detailed that the Grove City Christian Academy had also requested that their lease be renewed. Mr. Myers recommended that this be completed with Solicitor approval as a draft had not been completed, but the Academy was not requesting any changes.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Grove City Christian Academy Lease contingent upon Solicitor Approval. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**
- Mr. Myers detailed that the Committee had met with the Grove City Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association regarding their lease renewal and recommended that their lease be renewed for another year.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Grove City Girls Fast Pitch Softball Lease Agreement. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously**
- Mr. Myers detailed that the Committee discussed ice skating in Memorial Park and will be exploring event insurance options and/or the creation of an association that will be pursuing this.
- Mr. Myers explained that no-smoking in Borough Parks had been discussed as well and the Borough was going to do some initial testing of the policy with signage.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF RANDY L. RIDDLE AS THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES 2023 CONFERENCE AND MARY K. MATTOCKS AS THE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE

- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to appoint Randy Riddle and Mary K. Mattocks respectively. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: PHI SIGMA CHI AND NU LAMBDA PHI SUNSET SPRINT TO BE HELD AT HUNTER FARM PARK ON 4/26/23 FROM 7-9PM

- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the Sunset Sprint 5K. Mr. Shawn Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously**

AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A USED SWIMMING POOL CLEANER, WITH EXTRA BELTS, TRACKS, FILTER BAGS AND SCRUBBER ATTACHMENTS TO THE GROVE CITY YMCA FOR \$500

- Mr. Oakes explained that the YMCA had reached out to the Borough and expressed interest in the pool cleaner. Mr. Oakes suggested that instead of putting it up for bid and requiring that the YMCA pay the buyer's fee on the online auction site that Borough Council sell it directly to the YMCA to benefit the community. Mr. Oakes also stated that he had consulted with Mr. Spiker and \$500 was a fair price for the pool cleaner.
- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the sale. Mr. Shawn Morley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously**

CONSIDER 2023 FARMER'S MARKET IN MEMORIAL PARK TO BE HELD ON THURSDAYS FROM 5/4/23-10/26/23

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve the Farmer's Market. Mr. Jeff Hodge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously**

CONSIDER MUNICIBID ONLINE AUCTION RESULTS

- Mr. Oakes highlighted that the 5500 Dump Truck sold for \$18,600 and the sewer camera sold for \$6,316. Mr. Oakes mentioned that 9 other smaller items sold for \$500 or less. Mr. Oakes felt that all prices were fair for the items put up for bid and recommended approval.
- **Ms. Amy Gallagher moved to approve the Auction Results. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously**

AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO HIRE DAVID WOGLOM AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AT A RATE OF \$100 PER HOUR TO ASSIST WITH THE RECRUITMENT OF A NEW POLICE CHIEF

- Mr. Oakes explained that Mr. Woglom was very experienced in police chief recruitment and hiring. Mr. Oakes recommended that Council authorize hiring David to assist with our recruitment and hiring process. Mr. Hodge shared that he felt the Borough should focus their search to only internal candidates.
- **Mr. Scott Jaillet moved to approve the hiring of David Woglom. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion.**
- Mr. Myers asked Mr. Oakes how many hours would Mr. Woglom expected to have on this process. Mr. Oakes stated that he has pledged not exceed \$7,000 in salary costs, but there would be travel and lodging costs. Mr. DiStasi questioned Mr. Woglom's role in the process. Mr. Oakes explained that he would guide council through the entire process including 2 interview rounds. Mr. Morley pointed out that Mr. Woglom lives in eastern Pennsylvania and the Borough would have travel costs associated with that. Mr. Oakes stated that he expects that the cost would be around \$10,000.
- Ms. Mattocks pointed out that this was a non-budgeted item. Mr. Oakes confirmed that this was the case and that funds would have to drawn from elsewhere in the budget. Mr. Bigley stated that it has been over 22 years since a police chief was hired and professional help was needed. Mr. Bigley further explained that hiring a consultant was not to exclude internal candidates, but to do due diligence.
- Solicitor Bonner questioned why Mr. Woglom wanted to be hired as a part-time employee. Mr. Oakes explained that Mr. Woglom is retired and is no longer covered by his employer's liability insurance.
- Mr. Jaillet addressed the police officers present in the audience and explained that just because the Borough was willing to look externally did not preclude internal candidates, the Borough just wants to go through the full process and make sure they pick the right candidate. Mr. Jaillet mentioned that his bias will be toward internal candidates since they know the Borough and the Department.
- Mr. Morley asked where the funding would come from for the consultant. Mr. Oakes stated that it would have to be drawn from another budget line-item. Mr. Vince DiStasi asked the implications of not hiring a consultant. Mr. Oakes explained that the Borough would have to run their own search/interviews and Mr. Oakes mentioned that in his many years of municipal management that he has never hired a police chief.

- Ms. Mattocks expressed her sentiment that the Borough needed help in the process. Mr. Bigley expressed his agreeance with this.
 - Ms. Gallagher questioned if there were other consultants out there that provided these services. Mr. DiStasi echoed this sentiment and asked if the Borough were to seek out other options would they run out of time. Mr. Oakes shared that the Borough could proceed on whatever timetable that they saw fit and mentioned that there were other options out there that he could explore if Council wanted him to, including Mr. Woglom's former employer, the Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government. Mr. Jaillet pointed out that Mr. Woglom has experience in more than 100 recruitments and this new person at the Meyner Center would not have the same experience.
 - Mayor Riddle asked if the Chief of Police Salary line item would be available to fund the consultant expense since Chief Osborne had retired. Mr. Oakes explained that Chief Osborne received a payout for his sick time and vacation time when he retired and Mr. Oakes stated that he could provide more information on what funds may be available after that payout. Mr. Jaillet asked Mr. Oakes if he was certain the Borough could come up with the funds. Mr. Oakes affirmed that he was, it just had to be determined where the funds would come from.
 - Mr. Bigley asked Mayor Riddle what his opinion was. Mayor Riddle shared that he believed that the corporals had stepped up and he supported an internal process.
 - Ms. Gallagher expressed her sentiment that the Borough should not rush this process and asked that the Borough explore other consultants that may be available before deciding on hiring Mr. Woglom. Mr. DiStasi expressed his agreeance with this. He stated that he supported seeking out professional help, but wanted additional quotations from other consultants. Mr. Myers also expressed his sentiment that professional help should be used.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to table the hiring of David Woglom. Ms. Amy Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried by majority with Mr. Scott Jaillet voting in opposition.**

CONSIDER EVENT REQUEST: GROVE CITY HIGH SCHOOL DISC GOLF CLUB JUNIOR DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT HUNTER FARM PARK ON 6/17 FROM 8AM-5PM

- **Mr. Shawn Myers moved to approve the Disc Golf Tournament contingent upon receipt of insurance. Mr. Shawn Morley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

CONSIDER PINE TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR SEWER SERVICE AT 145 GOLF CLUB LANE, GROVE CITY, PA

CONSIDER PINE TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR WATER SERVICE EXTENSION FOR 145 GOLF CLUB LANE, GROVE CITY, PA AND 107 BRECKENRIDGE STREET, GROVE CITY, PA

- **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve Pine Township's Water and Sewer Service Requests. Mr. Vince DiStasi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Mr. Oakes presented the Engineer's Report due to Mr. Goncz's absence. Mr. Oakes informed Council that work on the new water treatment plant is continuing on schedule. Mr. Oakes also explained that the large pipes that many have commented about are for storm water retention and will not be carrying potable water. Mr. Oakes detailed that there were four invoices on the agenda for approval. Two were for construction management/observation services for Gannett Fleming and the other two were for payment to the contractors. Mr. Oakes recommended that all four payment requests be approved.
- **Mr. Vince DiStasi moved to approve Gannett Fleming's payment requests in the amount of \$16,287.50 and \$14,260.00, payment request by Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$465,140.70 and payment request by McCurley-Houston in the amount of \$3,636.77. Mr. Scott Jaillet seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT presented by Borough Manager, Vance Oakes

- Mr. Oakes reported that he attended the MPO meeting last week and was informed that PennDOT has delayed their start date for the Wolf Creek Bridge Project on East Main Street. The Project will now be advertised in the fall of 2023 with construction starting in 2024.
- Mr. Oakes reported that he has received confirmation from DCNR that the Cunningham Mill Work will not require the Borough to make additional ADA improvements.
- Mr. Oakes reported that on 3/10 he met with Mercer Township and representatives from the Marion Township Campground that wishes to connect to the sewer system. Mr. Oakes reported that Marion Township does not wish to become involved in the sewer business and would like Mercer Township to provide these services to their resident. Mr. Oakes, Mr. Goncz and Solicitor Bonner are concerned that this would put the Borough under PUC enforcement since Mercer Township would be servicing a customer in Marion Township. Mercer Township plans to reach out the PUC to get clarification regarding this matter.
- Mr. Oakes informed Council that a vehicle struck one of the monuments downtown near Joden Jewelers. Mr. Oakes stated that the monument is being repaired by a company in New Castle and the cost will be paid by the driver's insurance.
- Mr. Oakes reported that the Borough has been awarded a \$150,000 LSA grant and Mr. Oakes will be working with Mr. Goncz to see how this can be used for the Water Treatment Plant Project since certain portions of the project have not started.
- Mr. Oakes stated that the Borough has completed their review of the Grove City College Rockwell Hall Project with the remaining items being the Developer's Agreement and Operations and Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Oakes stated that the College is working on a draft of these agreements and asked Solicitor Bonner if he would be comfortable having those agreements approved pending his approval. Solicitor Bonner indicated that this would be acceptable.

➤ **Mr. Joel Bigley moved to approve Grove City College's Developer's Agreement and Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Rockwell Hall Project pending Solicitor Review. Mr. Shawn Morley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Vince DiStasi and Scott Jaillet abstaining due to their direct employment with Grove City College.**

- Mr. Oakes reported that Solicitor Bonner has been working on an EMS Agreement with Superior Ambulance and asked Solicitor Bonner to update Council on his progress. Solicitor Bonner highlighted that he is working out a few remaining issues. Council discussed the request by Superior to eliminate any contract language requiring a specific number of ambulances to be staffed.
- Solicitor Bonner asked for another month to work on these remaining items. Mr. Oakes reminded Council that a Borough resident had made a donation to help offset the Borough's cost for the EMS Agreement and Mr. Oakes asked if this should be provided to Superior at this time. Solicitor Bonner suggested that the Borough wait until the agreement is finalized.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT – Junior Council Member, Emmy Riddle

- Ms. Riddle reported that the Trigonometry Club will be planting a tree in Memorial Park again this year to help offset that amount of paper that is used in the classroom. The Club will be fundraising to pay for the tree.
- Ms. Riddle detailed that the Band has just returned from their trip to Florida with over 100 students participating.
- Ms. Riddle reported that spring sports have started and Shrek the Musical opens on 3/30.
- Mr. Messer shared that the Swim Team sent two relays to States and that he went to states for an individual event as well. He shared that it is the 19th year in a row that Grove City has had representatives at the State Tournament.

MAYORS REPORT presented by Mayor Randy Riddle

- Mayor Riddle reported that a number of residents have expressed their concern regarding runners from George Junior Republic with theft/break-in issues having been a result of these runners. Mayor Riddle asked Interim Chief Taggart if they are notified when there is a runner. Chief Taggart shared

that sometimes the state police notifies them, sometimes they do not. He indicated that they do have a radio from George Junior that allows them to communicate with the staff.

- Mayor Riddle also shared that the School Board is considering moving George Junior Republic students into the public schools instead of having separate schools as they do today. Mayor Riddle voiced his opposition to this proposal.
- Mayor Riddle shared that he attended the following events over the last month:
 - 2/21- Grove City College Campus Community Awards with Corporal Alias
 - 2/23- Attended a Scouts meeting with Ms. Riddle to speak about local government
 - 2/28- Submitted an article to PSAB regarding the Jr. Council Program
 - 3/15- Attended the COG Meeting
- Mayor Riddle shared that he has the Chamber of Commerce Dinner upcoming Tomorrow and an executive session with Mayor's Association of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania Tomorrow as well.
- Mayor Riddle asked Chief Taggart to share any police updates and Chief Taggart informed Council that an aggressive driving enforcement program would be starting that is grant funded.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Hodge asked Chief Taggart to discuss the upcoming Motorola Presentation. Chief Taggart detailed that their current records management software is being phased out and will need to be replaced. Motorola will be doing a demo on 3/30 at 11AM and invited Council to attend. Chief Taggart shared that this is the number one priority for the department since they use the software for all facets of their job.
- Mr. Oakes provided an opportunity for County Commissioner Candidates Ann Coleman and Jim McClusky to introduce themselves.

NEWS MEDIA

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully,

Taylor G. Pokrant
Borough Secretary/Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer