

WRIGHTSVILLE

YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
MAY 21, 2018
Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:32PM on Monday, May 21, 2018. Council President White called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

In attendance: Council President White, Vice-President Gromling, Councilman Bair, Councilman McDonald, Councilman Kirkessner, Councilman Smith, Mayor Albert, Solicitor Fields, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Treasurer Brenner, Engineer Klinedinst, Officer in Charge Schaum

PATRONS:

Ed Sipes:

Mr. Sipes asked council members if any proceeds from Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce Bridge Bust was given to Wrightsville Borough. Vice President Gromling relayed that no funds are provided to the borough, however funds are given to Wrightsville Borough Fire Police.

Laurie Lehman:

Ms. Lehman expressed her concern and dislike for a mini casino to be built in Wrightsville Borough. She asked council how and if borough residents were notified of the possibility of a mini casino being built. President White relayed to those in attendance that in December 2017 an resolution was presented to officials of Wrightsville Borough for consideration. Council members who were present during the meeting chose to opt-out of a mini casino being placed in Wrightsville Borough. President White also relayed to those in attendance that he is in favor of a mini casino being built in area.

Anisaara Helezler:

Ms. Helezer asked council members what positive outcome would become of a casino being built in the area. Vice President Gromling answered that he would be in favor of a casino being built to help increase tax revenue.

Joshua Kolkow:

Mr. Kolkow relayed to those in attendance that he has lived in a casino town in Arizona and they are no positive outcomes of living in a casino town. He stated that it is the complete opposite and would take business away from the small business owners in the area.

Joanna Martin:

Ms. Martin stated to those in attendance that independent surveys have been completed in areas that have casinos in them and the surveys indicate that the positives would be a initial influx of cash flow, however the negatives are increased police and fire personnel would be needed to respond to emergency calls.

Connie Radziewicz:

Ms. Radziewicz relayed to those in attendance that September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month followed by National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October and she is asking for permission from council to "Turn the Town Teal" in an effort to promote ovarian cancer. Ms. Radziewicz requests permission to place teal ribbons on light/telephone poles along Hellam St. Councilman McDonald stated that he would work with her on placement of ribbons.

Christine Sowers:

Ms. Sowers stated that she attended the Hellam Township meeting and asked supervisors why they like living in Hellam Township. Ms. Sowers asked Wrightsville Borough council members "Why do you like living in Wrightsville"? Councilman Bair responded "small town America". Ms. Sowers indicated that if a mini casino is built it will increase traffic on an already highly traveled roadway, crime rate will increase along with many other things. Ms. Sowers ended her comments by stating, "dogs are smart enough to not poop in their own yard".

George Dvorak:

Mr. Dvorak stated that he lives in East Prospect Borough and travels through Wrightsville often and a mini casino would increase traffic and crime issues within the borough. Mr. Dvorak stated that based on surveys a mini casino would not increase tourism in the area but would only satisfy the locals that have gambling addictions as they would be the clientele that would patronize the casino.

Diana Dvorak:

Ms. Dvorak relayed to council members that the office assistant was very rude on the phone and multiple times was told that the casino meeting was cancelled. Ms. Dvorak also stated to council members that they should be ashamed of themselves and the way they are presenting themselves to the public is not professional and they appear to be bored to be at a public meeting. Secretary Hoff stated to Ms. Dvorak that at no one time was a discussion of the mini casino on the agenda and no meeting was cancelled. All meetings are posted on main page of Wrightsville Borough website.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald asked council members when basement door at Fakey's would be repaired. Mrs. McDonald stated that she will continue to talk about it until it is fixed.

Ted Eugeniadis - Lower Susquehanna River Keepers:

Mr. Eugeniadis relayed to council that the 2nd annual Mayfly Festival is being held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 10:00am-3:00pm at John Wright Restaurant. Festival will include live bands, food trucks, art work and 35 non-profit vendors. Lower Susquehanna River Keepers would like to host a beer garden at festival and PLCB would require approval from council to allow beer garden on private property. President White relayed that they would discuss matter and update at meeting on June 4, 2018.

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

No report

Public Works:

Vice President Gromling made a motion to authorize C.S. Davidson to advertise Locust St. Project on Penn Bid. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

President White relayed to those in attendance that the new owners of the Locust St. Church have requested a driveway opening from Locust St. to parking lot. Vice President Gromling indicated that permits would need to be approved from Code Administrators.

Public Safety:

Ambulance report was provided with meeting materials

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

Vice President Gromling relayed to those in attendance that the paint on pavilion that was damaged should be repaired next week and roof should also be placed on pavilion.

Personnel:

No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive session was held: 8:03pm - 8:26pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:26pm

Solicitor Fields relayed that an executive session was held to discuss police contract.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve settlement of 2016 grievances and unfair practice claim pending ratification by Police Officers Association. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman McDonald made a motion to adjourn the May 21, 2018 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Vice President Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Hoff
Borough Secretary

