

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 12/16/21**

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

The November Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:02 pm on November 8, 2021. The meeting was held online using Zoom technology due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Nemeth read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. Michele Hovan called the roll. The following members of Council were present: Ms. Rebecca Hendricks (7:18pm), Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Michael Mann, and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Nic Messina was absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There were 4 members of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Presentation - Stockton Park Master Plan

Mayor Nemeth welcomed John Thomas, Architect, to the panel to present the master plan. Mr. Lipsen recused himself for the discussion. Mr. Thomas reviewed the modifications made to the previously presented plan, now in a version dated November 8, 2021. He reviewed the site analysis elements; playground and wetlands areas, paths, picnic area, multi-use court, meadows, central lawn area, etc. He noted that the court can accommodate the requested pickleball use as well as other uses. He also noted seating designs were incorporated in the playground area that may have new or replacement equipment in the future. He said the picnic pavilion plan is a standard 18' x 35' and with easy access to the canal path. He discussed the canoe and kayak access dock and noted the Canal Commission's support of the concept. Returning to the playground, he showed a fenced feature to provide visual access to the canal. Mr. Vandegrift asked for location recommendations for picnic tables and benches that have been acquired. A brief discussion followed regarding tree plantings, access, parking areas, etc.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public regarding the park master plan. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried. Resolution No. 2021-58, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt the Stockton Park Master Plan dated November 8, 2021, was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Ms. Hendricks, and carried:

Roll Call: Ayes: Hendricks, Juncosa, Mann, Vandegrift  
Nays: None  
Absent: Messina  
Abstain: Lipsen

Mayor Nemeth and Mr. Vandegrift thanked Mr. Thomas for his work on the project.

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes for the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting were adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried..



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The meeting minutes for the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Resolutions(s): the following Resolutions, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below, were adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried:

2021-59 Submission of 2021 Best Practices Checklist  
2021-60 Budget Transfers

Roll Call: Ayes: Hendricks, Juncosa, Lipsen, Mann, Vandegrift  
Nays: None  
Absent: Messina  
Abstain: None

Discussion - Hilltop/Moore Street Road Project Update

Ms. Hovan explained that due to continuing supply chain issues, namely for concrete and the fact that the cold weather was approaching with asphalt plants closing soon for the season, the contractor had proposed a new timeline to finish Moore this season and to address Hilltop in April. Ms. Hovan said that unless there were objections, she would communicate to the contractor an acceptance of the new timeline. A brief discussion followed regarding the few options and the primary goal of completing the project, and no objection to the revised timeline was offered.

Claims for Payment – the claims for payment, as attached, were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried unanimously.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hendricks, Juncosa, Lipsen, Mann, Vandegrift  
Nays: None  
Absent: Messina  
Abstain: None

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Juncosa stepped from the dais to speak as a member of the public. Mr. Adam Juncosa, 2 Stockton-Sergeantsville Road and co-owner of Odd Bird Brewing said that he and his wife created a beer called For the Birds with a portion of the proceeds used to donate bird houses for the park and that he raised \$600 for them. Mr. Lipsen said that the existing bluebird birdhouses were in disrepair. Mr. Juncosa said he'd discussed the logistics for purchase and installation locations at a later time. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Ms. Hendricks and carried. Mr. Juncosa returned to the dais.



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Mayor's Report/Council Liaison Reports

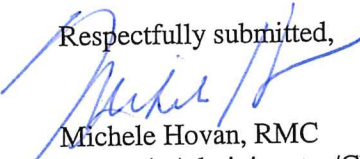
Mr. Mann said the grants committee met and that they would like to involve the public in future meetings, prompting a discussion about social media. Ms. Hovan said that the Borough does not have a social media presence and that a serious conversation should be had regarding one if it is decided to move in that direction. Mr. Juncosa reminded all that the Borough website is the official online resource for Borough matters. Mr. Mann said that the committee will be pursuing infrastructure grants, focusing on stormwater runoff.

Mr. Lipsen said he met with Mr. Sowsian regarding some sign issues around town, inquired about the status and said he would follow up. He also mentioned that some residents on Wilson were concerned about speeding and asked what others thought about more signs. A brief discussion followed regarding speed and perception, including with Woolverton Road, which serves as a cut-through. Mayor Nemeth said that the Delaware Township Police conducted a speed study some months back that did not indicate widespread speeding. Mr. Lipsen inquired if the engineer looked at the sink hole on Mill Street. Ms. Hovan said she was aware of one on Wilson but not on Mill Street. Mr. Lipsen clarified the location as on private property and said that he would send an email with the description. He also thanked everyone involved with securing the storm dumpsters and added there was some glass on the ground in the park.

Mayor Nemeth announced the next meeting would be held on December 13, 2021 via Zoom at 7pm. Reorganization 2022 is scheduled for Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ms. Hovan said she would confirm that the regular meeting would be held on the same day.

On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Clerk

