



Minutes of the Work Session Meeting
Of the Borough of Chester Heights
The Village of Valleybrook – Clubhouse
265 Bishops Dr., Chester Heights, PA 19017
January 24, 2022

Call to Order President Baum called the public meeting of order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement President Baum announced the advertisement for the rescheduling of the Work Session Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, January 31, 2022, to Monday, January 24, 2022, at 7:00p.m. Advertisement was published on January 19, 2022.

Members Present Drew Baum, President
Laura M. Lim, Vice President
Natalie M. Anderson, Pro Tem
Susan Clarke, Council Member
Marta Driscoll, Council Member
Ginamarie Ellis, Mayor

Officials Present Gerald C. Montella, Esq., Solicitor

Public Comment – State your name and address for the record: No Report

Council Vacancy Nomination

President Baum announced two residents submitted letters of interest and resumes':
Ron Surkin and Robert Sacks, approximately two weeks ago Mr. Surkin sent a letter withdrawing his application.

President Baum requested a nomination to fill the vacancy for David Firkser
Vice President Lim nominated Robert Sacks

MOTION Upon Motion, Council (Lim, Anderson, Baum, Clarke, Driscoll) voted by voice and approved to appoint Robert Sacks to fill the vacancy of former member David Firkser. Congratulations!

Resolution # 01-22-B Solicitor Montella presented Resolution # 01-22-B: A Resolution to fill the Vacancy of Council:
Whereas, Council Member, David Firkser, an elected official after distinguished service to the Borough, resigned on December 1, 2021 and;

Whereas, said resignation was formally accepted on December 27, 2021 by a majority vote of a quorum of Council as prescribed by law pursuant to Borough code, Chapter 9 Section 901 (a.1) (2) and; Whereas, Chapter 9, Section 901 (a) specifically requires that “If any vacancy shall occur in the office of ...member of council... by resignation ...the borough council shall fill such vacancy ...by appointing, by resolution, a registered elector of the borough, to hold such office, if the term thereof continues so long until the first Monday in January after the first municipal election occurring more than sixty days after the vacancy occurs, at which election, and eligible person shall be elected to the office for the remainder of the term.”; and

Whereas, Councilman Firkser’s term ends January 1, 2024; and

Whereas, said appointee, a registered elector of the borough, shall have resided within the borough continuously for at least one year immediately prior to his or her appointment; and

Whereas, a duly advertised public meeting was held on Monday, January 24, 2022, thirty (30) days from the date said resignation was deemed accepted, pursuant to 1 Pa. C.S.A. Section 1908 related to computation of time, to appoint, by this resolution, a registered elector of the Borough to fill the recognized vacancy; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Council of the Borough of Chester Heights, Delaware County that Robert Sacks is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy which currently exists on Council for a term consistent with Chapter 9, Section 901 of the Borough Code.

President Baum requested a Motion to approve Resolution # 01-22-B.

MOTION

Upon Motion, Council (Driscoll/Anderson) voted and unanimously approved Resolution # 01-22-B. A Resolution to fill the vacancy of Council Member David Firkser resigning on December 1, 2021 and appointing Robert Sacks to fill the vacancy.

Announcement

President Baum announced an Executive Session will be held in accordance to Section 708 of the Sunshine Ace for Real Estate/Lease related to the Borough office at 222 Llewellyn Road.

Darlington Creek Park Use Plan Update

Vice President Lim updated Council on the Darlington Creek Park use plan. An email was received from coordinator Rick Tralies, PLA, ASLA, Senior Director of Landscape Planning with Natural Lands. Mr. Tralies is collaborating with the Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann and has reviewed and discussed the PNDI, including the Red Bellied Cooter Turtle. This process has been delayed by Covid the project was to start in August of 2021 but delayed until January 2022. The expected date for completion is July 2022.

Additional period for Public Comment – State your name and address for the record: No Report

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION President Baum announced in accordance with Act 84, the Sunshine Law that Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss matters regarding real estate/lease, at 222 Llewellyn Road, the Borough office space. Council met in Executive Session starting at 7:10 p.m. ending at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: **Upon Motion, Council (Lim/Anderson) voted and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 7:36 p.m.**

Land Development Dates: **Rose Hill Lot Line**, Submitted Plans 09/24/20, Reviewed Planning Commission 10/22/20, Extension 01/20/21, Reviewed Planning Commission 05/27/21.
103-109 Valleybrook Road, Kheny Sketch Plan Submitted 03/12/21, Planning Commission Reviewed 05/27/21.
53 W Baltimore Pike, Submitted Plans 06/18/21, Planning Commission reviewed 08/26/21, Extension 11/24/21, Extension 02/24/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Kurten