

TOWNSHIP OF O’HARA
COUNCIL VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
MAY 4, 2021
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting Time: May 4, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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I. Opening Procedures

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. Visitor

- A. Representatives from the Lauri Ann West Community Center – Mark Rothert and Tony Allison

Mark Rothert and Tony Allison will present information regarding membership and financials.

III. Review and Discussion

- A. Application for Minor Subdivision – Schaffner Subdivision, 1119 Saxonburg Boulevard

It has been proposed by David Schaffner, owner of parcels 357-J-20 and 357-J-15 located at 1119 Saxonburg Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116, to revise the lot line between the parcels. Both parcels are located in the R-4 (Special Moderate Density Residential District) zoning district. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the application during its scheduled April 19th meeting and has recommended that Council approve the Plan.

- B. Application for Preliminary Land Development – Hidden Grove, 105 Harding Road

It has been proposed by Summer Hill Real Estate Development, LLC, owner of 105 Harding Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215, to develop and construct 11 single-family houses. The property consists of 4.287 acres zoned R-3 (Urban Residential District) that is currently a vacant lot. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the application

during its scheduled April 19th meeting and has recommended that Council approve the Plan subject to 9 conditions as listed in the proposed resolution.

IV. Citizens Comments Concerning Non-Agenda Items

III. Review and Discussion Continued

C. Proposed Ordinance Posing a Ballot Question to Amend the Township Home Rule Charter to be Gender Neutral

The proposed ordinance was prepared by the Township Solicitor and provides for a ballot question to the electors for the November 2021 election, concerning an amendment to the Township Home Rule Charter to be gender neutral. The proposed ordinance was introduced during the April 13th regular Council meeting. If acceptable, a Public Hearing will be scheduled prior to the May 11th regular meeting. Council may consider adopting the ordinance during the May 11th regular meeting, or in June and still make the County Board of Elections cutoff.

D. Proposed Ordinance Posing a Ballot Question to Amend the Township Home Rule Charter Concerning Removal of Political Affiliation Requirement for Appointment to Vacant Council Seat

The proposed ordinance was prepared by the Township Solicitor and provides for a ballot question to the electors for the November 2021 election, concerning an amendment to the Township Home Rule Charter to remove the political affiliation requirement for appointment to vacant Council seat. The proposed ordinance was introduced during the April 13th regular Council meeting. If acceptable, a Public Hearing will be scheduled prior to the May 11th regular meeting. Council may consider adopting the ordinance during the May 11th regular meeting, or in June and still make the County Board of Elections cutoff.

E. Discussion About the Township Home Rule Charter and Election Process to Fill Vacant Council Seat

Township Solicitor Brendan Lucas provided a memo explaining the effects of a ballot question posed and approved by the electorate in 1983, and other scenarios.

F. Amendment to the Township Parks Rules and Regulation – Prohibiting Smoking of Any Cigars, Cigarettes, Electronic Smoking Devices, or Use of Any Type of Tobacco Product in All Township Parks

The proposed ordinance was introduced during the April 13th regular meeting. Discussion may continue relative to the proposed amendment to ban smoking or use of any tobacco products in all Township parks. If acceptable the ordinance will be included on the May 11th regular meeting agenda for consideration.

G. Proposed Resolution Recommending the Use of Alternative Seal Coatings

Due to recent concerns expressed about the use of coal-tar-based seal coatings, the proposed resolution recommends the use of alternative seal coatings that are safer. If

acceptable, the resolution will be included for consideration on the May 11th regular meeting agenda.

H. Discussion about Possibly Renaming the Creek That Runs Through O'Hara Township Community Park

Staff wishes to discuss the renaming of the creek that runs through O'Hara Township Community Park. A letter was received from VFW Post 3945, and emails from Indiana Township and Fox Chapel Borough regarding the possible name change.

I. Discussion About Opening Park Facilities

Staff requests a discussion about the possible opening of park restrooms and shelters.

J. Discussion About Resuming In-Person Meetings (Possibly in September)

Staff would like to discuss the possibility of resuming in-person meetings in coordination with Zoom.com virtual meetings.

K. Discussion About Scheduling Interviews for Civil Service and Planning Commission Vacancies

The Township is in receipt of one letter of interest to serve on the Civil Service Commission and three letters of interest to serve on the Township Planning Commission from residents. Staff requests discussion about scheduling the interviews. Since these positions are not elected, the interviews are not required to be public.

L. Solicitors April 16, 2021 Invoice

Council was provided a copy of the subject invoice for review.

M. Proposed Agendas for the May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

Council was provided the Proposed Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Agendas for review and approval.

V. Concerns of Council

VI. Concerns of Staff

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Executive Session - Labor and Legal Matters