

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

Council President Schaefer called the Meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:37 PM in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Borough Manager Warren Cecconi called the roll and the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer.

Mayor Cook and Solicitor Barry were also present.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Jordan Marckisotto -- 1705 S. Braddock Avenue

Mr. Marckisotto, representing the Edgewood Towne Center Giant Eagle, asked Council to table their discussion about a beer distributor opening in the shopping center until they and their legal counsel have had more time to review the covenants in place at the Edgewood Towne Center.

Josie Utrich -- 1046 East End Avenue

Ms. Utrich spoke on behalf of the Regent Square Civic Association, and asked if Council could set a date to meet with the Association. President Schaefer stated that the Community Development Committee and Manager Cecconi would work together and be in touch with the Association.

Nancy Drew -- 1039 S. Braddock Avenue

Ms. Drew spoke on behalf of the Regent Square Civic Association, explaining that the group had received a grant through Tree Vitalize to replace trees in Regent Square, some of which would be in Edgewood. She stated that Manger Cecconi had already worked with the Association on this matter.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-1 Ms. Gleba moved to authorize the payment of bills, for goods and services received by the Borough, having been reviewed and approved by the General Government Committee in the amount of \$53,990.59 from the General Fund and \$8,005.89 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$61,996.48. Second by Mr. Wilson.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-2 Mr. Wilson moved to authorize Jason Stanton of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. to develop a scope of services for the next round of sewer line repairs as mandated by our consent order. Target budget for this project is \$200,000.00. This amount is earmarked in the 2012 Sewer Budget. Second by Ms. Gleba.

DISCUSSION: None

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

M-3 Mr. Wallace moved to approve Giant Eagle's sign application as recommended by the Planning Commission and as stated in the minutes of their meeting dated January 24, 2012 (See attached minutes, page 6). Second by Mr. Fuller.

DISCUSSION: Amy Whitacre, the architect for the sign, discussed with Council the concerns discussed by the Planning Commission.

Upon roll call vote, the following was recorded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Bowers, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wainright, Ms. Gleba, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fuller, and Ms. Schaefer voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Manager Cecconi stated that on advice of the Borough's solicitor, the occupancy permit for AMBE MA Inc. would be tabled.

BUSINESS MEETING

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

RECREATION REPORT

Manager Cecconi stated that basketball was underway and going well. He stated that the baseball program would be combining with the 14th Ward's baseball program, and that all participants had been informed of the change. President Schaefer said that partnering with neighboring communities was a goal of the Borough's Comprehensive Recreation Plan, and that Edgewood's fields may be used for the 14th Ward's baseball program. The next Recreation Board meeting will be held February 8, 2012.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Fuller reported that the Water Authority held its reorganization meeting and had 7,000 MXU's left to change. The Water Authority also sent an application to the DEP to partner with the Monroeville Water Authority, in case either system would fail. The application has not received a response from the DEP.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Manager Cecconi stated that the planning commission had met to discuss the Giant Eagle sign permit and a beer distributor application for Edgewood Towne Center. The Commission plans to propose updates to the Borough's Code, beginning with the Zoning Ordinance.

COG REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that the COG had met and reelected its officers. The COG retreat will be held at the end of March and the COG dinner will be held on February 24, 2012, with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald as the speaker.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Cook stated that the Library Board has not yet met, as it does not have enough members for a quorum. He encouraged anyone interested to apply for a position on the board.

Mayor Cook also reported on the Edgewood Foundation, stating that their Progressive Dinner would be held on February 25, 2012 and applications could be found in the most recent newsletter. Mayor Cook said that the Edgewood Foundation received a large number of its fundraiser mailings back, as the post office has labeled them undeliverable. Mayor Cook showed these letters to Council, stating that homes that are occupied were labeled by the post office as not have residents. Mayor Cook stated that the Edgewood Foundation is concerned about the way the mail is being delivered in Edgewood.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Barry stated that he had two matters of litigation and one personnel matter to discuss with Council in executive session.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Cecconi stated that he was still working on options for upgrading the Borough Building's windows, and that the Pittsburgh History and Landmark Foundation would also present options to the Borough. Manager Cecconi reported that the Borough would be applying for a DCNR grant for the Tot Lot, and that CONNECT has asked the Borough to sponsor them in a DCED grant that provides funding for CONNECT's staffing. As CONNECT is not a governmental entity, they cannot qualify for the grant themselves and need a third party sponsor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wilson called a Department of Public Works Committee meeting for February 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Fuller called a Public Safety Committee meeting for February 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Wainright called a Community Service meeting for February 13, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Wallace called a Community Development meeting for February 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 8:20 PM to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

The session ended at 10:14 PM.

Mayor Cook read the following Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgewood recognizes exceptional service and acknowledges commitments to community; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 23 was established in Edgewood in 1912 in order to build character and responsibility in young people; and

WHEREAS, Troop 23 has enhanced the Borough of Edgewood through their commitment to civic service, volunteerism, and community development,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Saturday, February 11, 2012 is proclaimed **BOY SCOUT TROOP 23 Day** in honor of their 100 years of service to the youth of this community and to the Borough at large.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of February 2012 by the Mayor of the Borough of Edgewood.


J. Edward Cook, Mayor

ADJOURNMENT

M-4 It was moved by Mr. Fuller and seconded by Dr. Wallace to adjourn at 10:15 PM.

DISCUSSION: None.

The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Warren Cecconi
Borough Manager

Edgewood Planning Commission
Meeting of January 24, 2012

Recommendation to Edgewood Borough Council re: Giant Eagle Signage

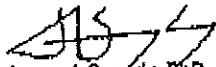
The Edgewood Planning Commission hereby forwards a **Favorable Recommendation with annotations** in regards to the placement of new signage on the Giant Eagle in Edgewood Town Center.

Members Present: VanSoest, Segedy, Walcott, Ceccari, Grubo, Gass
Members Absent: Cook, Swaisland

The Edgewood Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 24, 2012 voted to send forward a Favorable Recommendation with qualifications as follows:

- Amy Whiteacre, Project Manager with mcg architecture, Cleveland, OH, representing Giant Eagle and Eric Sepe, representing Pittsburgh Sign & Lighting presented plans and responded to questions/concerns from the Planning Commission for the signage changes at the Giant Eagle store in Edgewood Town Center.
 - Responses to the points raised:
 - Primary GIANT EAGLE sign will be similar to existing, moved to new entrance alignment, and meets conditions of existing sign ordinance.
 - The 'new' FOOD & DRUG sign to be located below the Giant Eagle sign does not comply with current sign ordinance and is not recommended as presented.
 - Bank and Pharmacy signs will be moved in compliance with existing sign ordinance.
 - The Edgewood Planning Commission does not recommend the 'os' signs as presented.
 - Both representatives will return to the February meeting of the Edgewood Planning Commission to present alternatives for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted:



James A. Segedy, Ph.D., FAICP
Secretary