

**BOROUGH OF WILMERDING  
NOTES FROM THE OCT. 4, 2016 WORKSHOP**

**ENGINEER – D. GILLILAND:** work was scheduled to begin the first week in October on Ice Plant Hill; however, Duquesne Light has not relocated their wires to the other side of the street. This work is scheduled for completion by Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> after which construction can begin.

The 2016 paving project is completed but they still have to come back and seal the seams. Summit Street will be started in mid-October.

Don is recommending the drilling of test holes in the public works garage to search for the source of the water infiltration.

Everyone should have a letter from Don on his recommendations for the George Street steps.

Garbage collection bids were opened last week and the lowest bidder was Big's Sanitation. It is our recommendation that council award the contract to Big's Sanitation.

There are two resolutions that need passed for tonight, one is for the Airbrake Park renovations in the amount of \$40,265 and the other one is for the demolition of 345 and 349 Welsh, 532 Airbrake and 652 Middle for \$40,000.

DCNR sent us a letter about the signage. When it was first constructed it was constructed with Federal Land and Water Conservation funds and there has to be a sign on site acknowledging that forever. There is no sign there. I believe this was constructed in the 70's. They also note in the letter for us to improve the appearance of the park and to provide handicap access. When this is done we have to take pictures and forward it to them. On the sign issue, you can get signs from PA. Correctional Industries for \$60 plus shipping. As for the appearance, they want the hillside cleaned off and any sumac or other trees and weeds that have grown between the wild flowers and the crown vetch. As far as handicap access, there is access to the park and there is also a handicap parking space there.

**MR. G. EVASHAVIK:** do we have the original grant contract. I would like them to verify that this obligation goes forever. Typically when you get these monies there is a time limit, twenty-five or thirty years.

**MR. D. GILLILAND:** there was a covenant in the grant that these parks have to remain a park forever. I don't have any original documents; this was in the 70's.

**MR. G. EVASHAVIK:** ask them if they do. I would like to see where it says that they have the authority to come in here and tell us what we have to do. This grant was over forty years ago.

**MR. D. GILLILAND:** it was the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 that created federal reimbursement grant program for acquisition of public outdoor recreation spaces. Today the DCNR administers the program and to ensure compliance. Inspections would be done every five years to ensure proper maintenance.

**SOLICITOR – G. EVASHAVIK:** we have the amendment of the park ordinance and I will hold a public hearing on that.

An issue came up at the Magistrate about landlords who are not paying taxes and garbage. We have prepared a distraint agreement where the tenant would pay the rent to the borough to satisfy their debt. You can take a look at it to see if you want to make any changes.

There was an article in the Trib about requiring landlords to register vacant properties. We do have an ordinance that was adopted in 2008 that requires that the windows must be covered but it doesn't require any

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type of registration. I know that there are least one or two communities that require that. That would require an amendment to your ordinance. If you want me to review that to consider doing that for Wilmerding then that is something council would have to think about.