

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center, 1604 Blaine's Way, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Council President Jim Hogg called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Laura A. Coombs, Second Vice President..... present
James W. Hogg, President..... present
James W. Lawrence..... present
Lucas R. Myslinski..... present
John P. Parks, Vice President..... present
Thomas C. Schwartzmier..... present
Junior Councilperson Nicholas Bridges present
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe present

ENGINEER:

Michael Malak, Senate Engineering Company absent

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Calland absent
Amy E. Sable, Sable and Sable (Special Counsel)..... present

STAFF:

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Director present
Don Dorsch, Chief of Police present
Rege Ebner, Borough Manager present
Walt Healy, Police Sergeant..... present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer..... absent
Bernie Rossman, Superintendent of Public Works absent
Bill Schweitzer, Manager of Golf Course & Sports Fields..... absent

The purpose of this meeting was to provide information and take comment regarding the proposed oil and gas lease in Linbrook Park. An information packet including the meeting agenda, a timeline of the steps that have occurred since the lease proposal was presented to the borough eleven months ago, and two recent newspaper articles had been posted on the borough website and were also available at this meeting.

PROJECT TIMELINE – Mr. Ebner provided a summary of the timeline and some relevant information. The PennEnergy well pad is located in Economy Borough and will be constructed regardless of the decision Council makes regarding the proposed Linbrook Park lease. There will not be any above-surface equipment anywhere in Franklin Park associated with this well pad. Fracking, in this case in the form of subsurface lateral drilling, will occur in Franklin Park even if Council rejects the proposed lease. Municipalities cannot lawfully prohibit private land owners from signing leases with drilling companies to conduct this activity on their privately-owned property. A total ban of fracking in Franklin Park, as some have suggested, is not a prudent option. PennEnergy started this process in the summer of 2016. Discussions with the state, Economy Borough and with private land owners began about 18 months before the proposed lease was submitted by PennEnergy to Franklin Park. Franklin Park Council has been reviewing this issue for almost one year. By local government standards, this is a very long time for an issue to be under consideration. The evaluation and decision-making process have been thorough.

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Council has utilized many information sources as part of this process. This includes the resident survey, at least three experts, experiences of other municipalities, site visits, the borough's Environmental Advisory Council and residents. Council members are considering all of these sources when making their decision. Linbrook Park represents about 10 percent of the 800+ acres in Franklin Park that are under consideration by PennEnergy. Should Council vote to reject the lease, fracking will still occur on the other 90 percent of acreage. A map showing the Franklin Park acreage under lease is posted on the wall. Many of the concerns raised by residents, such as well water, truck traffic and property values will remain concerns, even if Council votes to reject the lease proposal since the well pad will be constructed in Economy Borough and subsurface drilling will occur in Franklin Park on private land. As indicated by the timeline, Council has dedicated a significant amount of time, resources and due diligence that are warranted for such an important decision.

PROPOSED LEASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS – The law firm of Sable and Sable was retained by Council last May to represent the borough in this matter. One of their assignments was to review the lease terms and conditions and to negotiate language that was acceptable to the borough in the event Council later decided to approve this lease. Amy Sable of Sable and Sable provided an overview of the key provisions of the proposed lease.

NEXT STEPS - The motion regarding the proposed Linbrook Park lease is on the January 16th regular meeting agenda under "Old Business". The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the borough building, and public comment will occur before the vote is taken. Once the motion is made, Council will have the option to vote on the lease proposal or make a motion to table the motion. If the vote on the lease proposal proceeds, Council will have the opportunity to vote yes to approve the lease proposal or vote no to deny the lease proposal. Regarding the oil and gas ordinance, the first step in the approval process for the ordinance is for the ordinance to be presented to the Planning Commission for their review and comments. This will occur at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 19th at 8:00 p.m. at the borough building. There will be an opportunity for public comment at that meeting. This ordinance is not on the agenda for the January 16th Council regular meeting. The earliest this ordinance will go before Council for a public hearing will be at the March 20th regular meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The following residents commented **in opposition** to the proposed oil and gas lease in Linbrook Park:

Sebastian Gnaljan , 1605 Franklin Fields
Amanda Miller, 2212 Ben Franklin Drive
Brenden Grzyb, 1645 Royal Oak Drive
Philip Wilkinson, 1505 King David Drive
Hemand Porwal, 1608 Twin Oaks Drive
Vikas Agarwal, 1739 Holmes Drive
Rodney Fink, 1427 Laurel Drive
Ron Walker, 2409 Bellwood Drive
Paul Rechenmacher, 1714 Holmes Drive
James Wilkinson, 1578 King Charles Drive
Rock Heyman, 2420 Bellwood Court
Thomas Reinsel, 1621 Blackburn Heights Drive
Christopher Hill, 1526 King Edward Drive
Denise Rose, 2482 Alydar Drive
Christine O'Lare, 1504 King David Drive
Rachel Meyers, 2533 Fairmount Church Road
Robert Smith, 1556 Field Club Drive
Tom Stasny, 1550 Duncan Drive
Barbara Stelluto, 2532 Riva Ridge Court
Laura Ellis, 1600 Royal Oak Drive
Allen Hena, 1645 Pegher Lane
Walter Nogay, 2510 Acorn Court

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Loretta Pusateri, 2387 Bellwood Drive
Dana Pechalk, 2459 Brandt School Road
Matt Latchford, 2421 Bellwood Drive
James McGovern, 2544 Shellburne Drive
Jay Blechman, 1659 Royal Oak Drive
Joe Migliozi, 1545 King James Drive
Mark Jablonski, 1608 Royal Oak Drive
Bob Basl, 2469 Henry Road
Frederick Eisenreich, 1422 Laurel Drive
Thaddeus Popovich, 1654 Stone Mansion Drive
Tongying Shun, 1702 Shady Knoll Court
Erik Rueter, 1007 Kelly Lane
Victor Siclari, 1630 Forest Ridge Drive
Dheena Raju, 1809 Pioneer Drive
Tom Reilly, 1468 Laurel Drive
Tom Rogers, 2346 West Ingomar Road
Charles Horton, 1654 Farmington Court
Uday Palled, 1605 Twin Oaks Drive
Robert Davis, 1613 Ashwood Court
Jianguang Sun, 1402 Mystic Valley Drive
Scott Coppock, 2428 Brandt School Road
Michelena Wolf, 1738 Locust Road
Elizabeth Smith, 2511 Elkridge Drive
Ann McCartan, 1557 Duncan Drive

The following residents commented **in favor** of the proposed oil and gas lease in Linbrook Park:

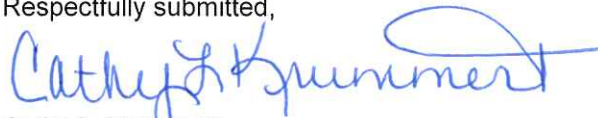
Robert McHale, 2013 Scheffel Road
Dave Graff, 2563 Aldon Drive
Ethan Graff, 2563 Aldon Drive
Andrew Komer, 2469 Minglewood Lane
Don Hennon, 2449 Camp Meeting Road
Ken Robinson, 2625 Big Sewickley Creek Road
Lisa Hohman, 2632 Big Sewickley Creek Road
William Strait, 2634 Glenchester Road
Ed O'Neil, 2562 Nicholson Road
Thomas Mueller, 2391 Charles Wray Drive
Richard McClure, 2580 Matterhorn Drive

Additional comments regarding the proposed oil and gas lease in Linbrook Park:

Roy Kraynak, Allegheny Land Trust - Commented that the Allegheny Land Trust was listed in the borough timeline, and they don't want their organization to be used to sway public opinion.
Karla McNamara, 155 McCartney Lane (property in Marshall Township/Franklin Park) - commented, but did not specify in favor or opposed

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present - Approximately 250