

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Workshop Meeting
July 26, 2016

A workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the meeting room on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Englestad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the "Annual Notice", and posted on the official bulletin board.

ROLL CALL 6:30 pm

Present: Council: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb, Galassetti
Mayor Engelstad
Business Administrator Joyce Wilkins
Borough Attorney Michael DuPont
Acting Municipal Clerk Kelly Barrett

Mayor Engelstad announced the workshop meeting and the procedure of discussing the four (4) items on the agenda.

Discussion items:

Quality of Life Committee: Councilman Volante drafted an ordinance formalizing a Quality of Life Committee. A discussion ensued covering various issues to be determined prior to introduction of the ordinance including the number of members on the committee, staggered terms, term limitation and bylaws. Councilman Volante recommended the number of members be kept in line with the other boards. He also suggested staggered terms in order to change members, and giving different members of the public the opportunity to be on the committee. Mr. DuPont stated that the Quality of Life Committee is an advisory board and it is not necessary to establish bylaws. Several residents commented that committee members should be full time residents and term limitations are important. Mayor Engelstad had questions relating to frequency of meetings. Councilman Volante stated he will include all of the necessary information and revise the ordinance prior to introduction.

Outdoor Café Ordinance: Mayor Engelstad stated that the ordinance came out of the joint sub-committee. Mr. Curry stated he spoke with the Health Department and there is no requirement of bathrooms for establishments with outdoor cafes. He continued by stating that the new ordinance eliminates the 20 seat requirement. Bill Psuik (joint sub-committee) stated that the Outside Café application is filed with the front office and the Code and Police Department review prior to

granting approval. Councilman Volante had concerns regarding numerous businesses setting up outside cafes and in his opinion the lack of bathrooms is an issue. A resident commented that the Beach Plum does very well and doesn't have a bathroom for the customers. Councilman Volante responded that it was his understanding that the Beach Plum has a restroom on the side of the building. Mayor recommended that the ordinance be moved to the regular meeting for introduction.

Planting Strip Ordinance: Bill Psuik of the joint sub- committee stated that he has a master list of properties with concrete, stone, artificial grass, etc., at the planting strips. . He proposed that going forward to allow the properties with any material other than natural grass be allowed to keep it. However, if the property is sold, the new owners are required to replace it with natural grass. Dr. Cotler stated that it his opinion is not to restrict homeowners if they wish to install something other than natural grass and allow it. However, if damages the borough will only repair/replace with grass seed. Several residents made comments/concerns relating to uniformity in the borough, sea grass in planting strips and concrete in planting strips equals less impervious coverage. Mayor Engelstad requested that language be added regarding new ownership would require reverting to natural grass. He also stated that a master file should be created with a list of properties with a material other than natural grass in the planting strip.

Solid Waste Contract: Mayor Engelstad announced that the solid waste contract will be expiring at the end of this year. He stated that this is our opportunity to make sure collection works with the street sweeper schedule. A group discussion ensued weighing the benefits of in- house trash collection with the cost of purchasing garbage trucks and employing additional personnel to operate the trucks. Councilman Volante suggested annual or bi-annual bulk pickup for residents. A resident commented that they are aware of a town with bulk pick up twice a year and it works well. Mayor Engelstad requested that Councilman Galassetti head up efforts to review the contract with public works, council and input from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TJ Coan 612 Third Avenue, stated that the bulk sticker system does not work.

Adjourn 7:40 pm

Kelly Barrett, CMR
Acting Municipal Clerk