

**Clifton Heights Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019**

Present:

Ronald Berry, Council President
Edward Martin, Council Vice President
Mark Campbell, Councilman
Mike Humphreys, Councilman
Leona Papale, Councilwoman
Karen Peterson, Councilwoman
Harris Resnick, Councilman
Fred Rich, Councilman

Others Present:

Joseph Lombardo, Mayor
Francis Catania, Solicitor
J.P. Kelly, Engineer
Cynthia Leitzell, Treasurer
John Perfetti, Interim Borough Manager
Timothy Rockenbach, Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer led by Mayor Joseph Lombardo

Caucus Meeting

President Berry called the meeting to order at 7:03pm,

Mayor Lombardo announced that last month they learned that the Upper Darby School District Board of Directors has not been doing its homework and is trying to develop a property that contains deed restrictions that they did not know about. He said that he invited a presenter to the meeting who has built both public schools and fields, something that the UDSD School Board has not done in their tenures. He said that Dennis Gray is the former Haverford School District School Board President and has been assisting the Borough in obtaining public documents from the Upper Darby School District. He said that he initially invited him to the meeting to have him report on the status of the various Right to know cases he has with the UDSD, but tonight he is going to do a short presentation on his experience with school building since the School Board has kept them in the dark on the project they are about to commence.

Dennis Gray introduced himself. He spent 22 years on the Haverford School District Board, the last 18 as the School Board President. He said that during that time they built 2 brand new elementary schools, rehabbed the high school and middle school and rehabbed the stadium twice. He said that they had worked through numerous field issues through the years. He said that he looked at the Clifton fields as part of his research for discussing this project, and the field presents slope issues,

which is something that they dealt with at Haverford. He said that there was a surveyor at the fields this morning as well. He said that during his time at Haverford they did about \$155 million worth of construction and learned a lot during that period. He said that one of their first projects during his tenure was redoing a field at the elementary school level to make it a soccer field. He said that it appeared to be a very easy project, but they had to regrade the project twice to meet the necessary specifications. He said that the architect design of their first new elementary school included a tee ball in the corner of the property, but upon completion, the field was unusable because of the slope and it couldn't be graded properly, and it has never been used 10-15 years later. He said that when they planned the Manoa School, which he thinks is similar to the Borough's current situation, they built on a field that had 3 softball fields and soccer fields and they went through the process with the community and decided to build on the fields, and they had an architect drawing that included plans for a soccer field, a baseball diamond and a multiuse field, and they only have a soccer field at that property today. The other field doesn't meet PIAA regulations because it is too small. The PIAA follows the National Federation of High Schools and has a set of guidelines on field requirements. He said that soccer fields run 55-85 yards in width and 55 yards is not sufficient if there is a fence or any close boundaries because soccer fields require space. He said that the pictures and diagrams that he's seen in the paper is not going to be what is there in the end because fields are going to be dropped from the design because of space issues. He said that in addition, if they are planning on putting a turf field in, there is a saying, "the curse of the turf." He is a PIAA representative for the 5-county area, and he has seen this numerous times. Once you put a turf field in, everyone wants to use it. He said that the turf field at the Haverford School District is used every night until 9:30pm by the School District. He said that in Haverford, the turf field is not open to the community and has never been opened to the community, and they've even had to deal with issues of vandalism, so the fields are locked up.

Mayor Lombardo asked if he could comment on the UDSD's promise that the Clifton Heights community would have access to the fields for things like their annual carnival and fireworks.

Mr. Gray said that he couldn't speak to that or their intentions, but he could say that it's a million-dollar field, so he thinks that you would have to be wary of the uses that you allowed with that kind of investment. He said that they have 2 turf fields in Haverford Township and do not have fireworks.

Solicitor Catania asked if he could tell them about the process that his School Board used to come to the decision to build these schools. He said that what their experience has been for the past few months is that the UDSD decides and then comes out and tries to sell that decision to them. He said that they say they are soliciting input, but they have surveyors out there and seem ready to go as opposed to ready to get feedback and work with the community.

Mr. Gray said that the first school that they built was in the Ardmore section, and they presented a design and met with the community and no one liked the design. He said that they scratched the design, purchased land on the corner from residents, and redesigned the entire school with more field space in the back for the community.

Solicitor Catania asked why they did that.

Mr. Gray said because they needed to work with the community. He said that as an elected official, he had to answer to the people he was representing and so that is who they worked with as they went through the process. He said that they didn't have the meetings at their regular Board meetings, they had them at the schools that were going to be affected. He said that they had 3 designs for the Manoa School project, one to build on the current footprint, putting it on a different footprint on the property and putting it on a different property altogether. He said that the community gave the feedback for the ultimate decision they made.

Solicitor Catania asked about the process that they went through order wise.

Mr. Gray explained that they hired an architect to come up with designs, but no engineers. They decided on design, worked with the engineers and went to the borrowing process.

Solicitor Catania said that they seem to be working with a different timeline.

Mr. Gray noted that the borrowing was an important part of the process and the taxes would be spread out because after the 1st increase there would be another increase following, so it would be over a period of time to get the full impact of the bonds.

Solicitor Catania asked if the Haverford School District worked with the CYO organizations and allowed them to use their facilities.

Mr. Gray said that they always placed a priority on ensuring that there was a gym available for the CYO programs and worked with them cooperatively. He said that they always had good relationships with the youth organizations and provided gyms and track use.

Solicitor Catania asked if they had a priority list for who could use their facilities.

Mr. Gray said that Haverford's list of priorities during his tenure was School District first and then community organizations, after that would be for-profit entities. He said that a problem they had faced would be people using the fields and then charging for others to use them and then keeping that money instead of giving it to the School District. He said that users like that would drop down the priority list of users.

Solicitor Catania asked for any recommendations.

Mr. Gray said that the first problem will be with the digging on vacant land because once you start digging then you have dirt, and the dirt is inevitably placed on the fields and then the fields become unusable. The fields that you get back from your contractor is not usable playing fields but a seeded lot. They had to then bring on another landscaping firm to come in and regrade the entire field.

Solicitor Catania asked what he would think that they should anticipate as a project timeline if they were to build up there.

Mr. Gray said that he would think 2 summers to complete the project. He said that even if the school is built in one year, the fields would have been a staging area and would have to be regraded and seeded and then they would have to rest for a year before being able to be used.

Mayor Lombardo mentioned the impact that this project would have on residents of the 4th & 2nd ward. He said just thinking of the dirt that would be moving through the neighborhood was a lot. Mr. Gray noted that they paid the residents around the area of their Ardmore project to clean their houses after the building was completed. He said that he fielded phone calls for an entire summer about the dirt and portable toilet issues during that project.

Solicitor Catania asked if any of the sports organizations in the audience had questions about the project.

Steve Goetz, President of the Clifton Heights Boys Club, said that just hearing the feedback he knows that they would be done if the School District pulled the lease on them. He said that for a 2-year projection, there is no way they would be able to continue in their league without a field to play games on or practice areas. He said that the Boys Club has been operation at the field for 48 years and he has spent 30 of his own years up there, and his fear is that this would end all of that so quickly.

Councilman Humphreys asked if they preferred a turf field.

Mr. Goetz said that their preference is for a regular, grass field.

Mr. Gray said that turf fields have a useful life of 10-12 years and you must be extremely careful with their use to get that lifespan out of them.

Mayor Lombardo asked about turf fields and water issues. He said that they already have issues with drainage at Church Street so he's just wondering the feasibility of turf fields and how they may affect already hard-pressed drainage areas.

Mr. Gray noted that they removed 72 tractor loads of dirt for their stadium project in order to be able to put the turf field in and required underground piping and then a layer of stone and a layer of sand.

Mayor Lombardo asked where the drainage goes.

Mr. Gray said that it goes into the piping that is placed below the field.

Mayor Lombardo asked where that piping led.

Mr. Gray said that he is not an engineer, but he thinks it is dispersed in the ground.

Councilman Humphreys said that they have something similar, a septic pond at the cemetery and that when you place pipes like that under the ground, you cannot drive vehicles on top of those.

Mayor Lombardo asked the engineer if in his opinion the stormwater from Springfield Road would have to be managed with a project like this.

J.P. Kelly reported that they would have to get a NPDES permit, which is a National Pollution Discharge Elimination permit from DEP and that would regulate how much stormwater must be controlled, and then it is controlled and then it meets a point of discharge. Although it may be able to handle a 100-year storm, there still needs to be a point of discharge, which would be on Springfield. He said that there is no facility on Springfield to tie into.

Mr. Gray said that if anyone wants to see how a turf field works, they can go to Bonner on a rainy day. They have 8-inch tubes that run below the field and they have massive amounts of water discharging on rainy days. He said that there is a basin by the trolley tracks and the water travels down to the creek. He said that there is no way that you'll ever be able to drive any kind of vehicle on a turf field or have any fireworks.

Mayor Lombardo said that if God forbid there was ever a fire at one of the properties adjacent to the field, the Fire Company currently can use the field to access those properties. If there was a turf field there, they definitely wouldn't be able to do that anymore.

Councilman Rich said that there would also be parking issue if they were still trying to have events once the school was built.

Mayor Lombardo thanked Mr. Gray for his time.

Solicitor Catania said that Mr. Gray was working on assisting them in the Right to know request with the School District for the number of students attending district schools who live in the Borough of Clifton Heights. He said that their response thus far has been that they don't know.

Mr. Gray said that they have had 2 responses so far, one that it was an interesting question that they could investigate, and they then provided the number of students per zip code. He said that he wasn't raised in Clifton Heights, but he happens to know that not all the kids who live in the zip code live in the Borough. He said that knowing that wasn't an accurate answer, they submitted a 2nd request and the 2nd request received a response that they would be in violation of FERPA, which is the confidentiality clause of the federal school law. He said that they didn't ask for names and addresses, but just a number of students who attend the School District schools from the Borough. He said that the consultant that they hired was a former school board member with Rose Tree Media School District and Rose Tree Media did a project and, on their website, you can put a dot on every house a child resides in. He said that Rose Tree Media is 3 municipalities.

Mayor Lombardo asked Mr. Gray if in his 22 years of experience that would be a FERPA violation.

Mr. Gray said that what they asked for is not a FERPA violation. We said that they were just asking for a general number with no specific information. He said that the School District said that they would have to access PIMS to get accurate numerical information, and that would be the violation. PIMS is an acronym for student information in Pennsylvania.

Solicitor Catania asked if they could ask Dennis to join them next month to discuss a couple of other matters that they should be aware of.

Council concurred that they would ask him to join them next month.

Kelly Colvin, Upper Darby Township resident, former member of the Upper Darby School District Facilities Commission & current County Council candidate, said that she is here tonight to share a strategy that they have shared with both the Mayor and the Daily Times in response to all of the articles that have been written about Clifton field. She said that she believes that the County can serve as a facilitator and asset to help the communities move forward. She said the two action items that she would recommend would be for the County Planning Department to provide expertise on land options that can be considered for a future school site if that is indeed the direction the School Board would like to pursue. In their opinion, educators are not land use experts and shouldn't be. She said that this current situation demonstrates that. She said that secondly, she believes that the County should offer a \$100,000 Open Spaces grant to the Clifton Heights community to begin a land preservation effort so that Clifton Field can remain the green space that the community knows and loves. She said that while they believe that decisions like these would ideally be handled on the local level and remain there, the history of this project demonstrates that a third party may be of assistance in this instance if invited in. The acrimony that exists exists because of poor communication by the School Board, the continuously changing plans and messaging by said School board, and the lack of transparency and inclusion of the community that would be most impacted by their plans. She said that once open space is lost it is lost forever. The irony of this situation is that there is a School Board member who filed a lawsuit against a developer in Drexel Hill citing environmental issues, yet the same Board dismisses a community's concerns about wanting to keep their green space. Another member of the School Board, Monica Taylor is running for County Council as well and is one of the architects of this plan as the Facilities Committee Chair, yet she doesn't communicate with any person in this room about the District's intentions. There is a lack of focus and a lack of leadership, just silence intermingled with a bit of hypocrisy. She said that she is proud of this community and them stepping up to voice their views and concerns. She said that community feel is really unique to Delaware County, and it makes you feel stronger. She noted that she attended the community rally on April 7th, and it was a great occasion. She said that she was very disappointed to learn that just a few days later, the Board moved to take the field away and it was very clear that it was a retaliatory act. She said that she thinks that they need to do better. She said that she is not an adversary of the School Board; she cares deeply about education. She said that when she saw the needs of the autistic population at Primos Elementary School, she rallied some parents and worked to build them a playground. She said that she didn't fight the District to do anything. She just worked to provide something on their own. She said that when she found out that Primos Elementary School had a life skills program but not a life skills room, she went to some foundations and received grant money and built a room. When she saw special needs family in Upper Darby need extra financial support, she created a foundation to help them. She said that she is not about fighting but about finding solutions. She said that this is a bad situation and a solution is needed. The fighting and backroom deals by the School Board are not helping the kids. It is not whether they can take Clifton Field, it is whether they SHOULD. Pushing through a bad, very expensive plan and rushing just so the plan can be achieved is poor judgment and wreaks of arrogance. The School Board has a singular goal that is to build on Clifton Field. She said that she participated in a District sponsored group that looked at the District's infrastructure needs and she

can report that not all options have been exhausted and that no real plan actually exists. She said that the Board has dug in now. She said that she is not running for County Council to be an overseer of local School District issues, but she is a resident of Upper Darby and when she sees a governing body using bullying tactics to achieve a certain goal, it is not okay. She is trying to offer a more productive option that will address all the needs of all involved. She thanked everyone for their time this evening.

Solicitor Catania said that he could reach out to the Planning Department tomorrow if it was Council's pleasure. He said he thought that was a great idea.

President Berry said that he should definitely do that.

Council entered into an Executive Session to discuss 2 personnel issues.

Public Comment:

Sherry Rich, 82 Chester Ave., thanked the Borough Council for Mr. Gray's presentation. She said it was very informative. She asked about springs being under the field because she had seen some posts on Facebook about it.

J.P. Kelly said that he wasn't aware of anything about that, but as the site development moves forward, the soils would have to be tested.

Mrs. Rich said that on Sunday morning at 3:20am, there was a tornado watch and tornado warning that came through on her phone and said to seek shelter now. She said that her sister doesn't have an iPhone and didn't receive any warnings. She asked if there was anything set up in Clifton Heights to notify residents in emergency situations like this. She said that she did check the DELCO alert website and you are able to choose to be updated about events or weather. She wanted to know if Clifton Heights had anything specific to offer residents direction to seek shelter.

President Berry said that he doesn't think that they have anything like that.

Mrs. Rich asked how the Fire Company is alerted to fires and emergencies.

Chief Kneass said that they are alerted through the Delaware County dispatch and no one is on staff full time, so this would have to start at the County level.

Mrs. Rich asked if they could work on making it a bigger deal for residents to get on the DELCO alert page, so they are able to get information on things like that.

Mayor Lombardo recommended that she put something together and submit it to the Clifton Quarterly.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Campbell to accept the March 2019 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lombardo announced that the Clifton Heights PAL would be hosting their Opening Day Food Truck Festival on Saturday, April 27th. There would be a parade starting at 9:30am with good trucks, moon bounces and a lot of fun at the field.

Mayor Lombardo also announced that the Clifton Heights Boys Club & Clifton Heights PAL's annual carnival would be held as tradition from Monday, May 20th to Saturday, May 25th, hours of operation for Monday through Thursday would be 6-10pm and Friday & Saturday 6 to 11pm.

Mayor Lombardo announced that he would be hosting his Mayor's Luncheon on May 7th at 12pm at the Columbus Club.

Mayor Lombardo read a letter about the UDSD Board of School Directors. He said that he continues to be upset and disappointed by the conduct of the School Board. He said that through Council they requested a dedicated Board member and were first ignored and then after they were embarrassed into responding, they claimed that their Council had asked them to resign. He said that none of them were asked to resign. He said that they could have, at the very least, appointed an honorary member who could keep the residents informed about what is going on with the School Board. He said that they have asked the Board to do what 5 other county schools already do, which is to have candidates run by region so that the voters who live in the smaller towns have a voice on the School Board. He said that so far, they have refused. He said that they also sent the title search with the deed restrictions on the property, and the Board responded that they would investigate. He said that any first-time real estate developer knows that you start by ensuring that you can build what you plan to build by checking the deeds. He said that the Board spends money first and asks questions later. He thanked the Borough residents who showed up to support the efforts to save the field at the April 7th rally, and he said that it was awful that the Board's response was to set up a surprise vote to pull the Borough's organizations lease of the fields. He said that once the Borough found out about it and brought it to the public's attention, they cancelled the vote. He said that it was obviously retaliatory, and they are nowhere near the point where they need to pull the lease. Construction is not on any horizon. He said that the lease states that they only need provide 90 days to cancel the agreement, so they have plenty of time to cancel the lease, but they are not near the time when they need to. He said that the School Board is not being transparent. He said that they are in charge in a \$200 million budget and they are playing games with the Borough. He said that he intends to expose any issues with the School District moving forward, staff leaving, playing games with the budgets, being unresponsive to RTK requests. He said that they will continue to drag this information out of the School Board if they must.

Mayor Lombardo had nothing else to report.

Police Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to accept the Police Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Fire Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to accept the Fire Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Rich; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Treasurer's Report/Bill List:

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 8-0. (Resnick - yes, Rich- yes, Humphreys - yes, Martin - yes, Peterson - yes, Papale - yes, Campbell - yes, Berry - yes.)

Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Perfetti announced that the May Council meeting would be taking place on Tuesday, May 28th since the Primary Election would be on their regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting night.

Borough Manager Perfetti announced that he had followed through on discussions with the Clifton Heights Historical Society and they had requested permission for a lease of the property at 3 West Baltimore Ave.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the necessary parties to prepare documents for a lease of the Borough property at 3 W. Baltimore Ave. with the Clifton Heights Historical Society; seconded by Councilman Resnick; and carried by a roll call vote of 7-1 (Resnick - yes, Rich- no, Humphreys - yes, Martin - yes, Peterson - yes, Papale - yes, Campbell - yes, Berry - yes.)

Councilman Rich said that they need businesses on Baltimore Pike and not museums.

Borough Manager Perfetti announced that they wanted to attempt to initiate a summer internship program to hire summer help to assist with projects throughout the Borough. He said that they were looking for 4 interns over the age of 21 for 30 hours/week at the minimum wage rate of \$8.75/hour, with a preference given to applicants from the Borough.

A motion was made by Councilman Humphreys to authorize the Borough Manager to proceed with coordinating and advertising the summer internship program; seconded by Councilman Campbell; and carried by a vote of 7-1. (Resnick - no, Rich- yes, Humphreys - yes, Martin - yes, Peterson - yes, Papale - yes, Campbell - yes, Berry - yes.)

Code Enforcement Report:

Borough Manager Perfetti announced that they were requesting a change in the Zoning hearing fees. The fee is currently a flat fee of \$500, and they would like to change the fees to try and do a better job of recouping the actual costs of the zoning hearings. As such, they would like to set the fees at \$750 for residential applicants and \$1,500 for commercial applicants.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the necessary parties to adjust the Zoning Hearing fees as outlined; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Code Enforcement Officer John Gould announced that he had sent out 300 last notices for rental application fees after the March 1st deadline. He went through the income statistics for the department. He said that the arrival of spring had allowed for additional exterior projects, with several on Baltimore Ave. He said that as of the end of March, they had received 6 additional vacant property applications.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Code Enforcement Report as presented; seconded by Councilman Campbell; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Engineer's Report:

J.P. Kelly presented the Engineer's report.

Mr. Kelly that they would be proceeding with awarding of the labor bid for the LED lighting installation project. He said that TCF had uncompleted forms, so the lowest responsible bidder with a completed application was Charles Higgins & Sons with a bid of \$23,130.

Solicitor Catania confirmed that he had reviewed the documents and the lowest economic bid was not the lowest responsible bid, so it would be in order to award the bid to Charles Higgins & Sons.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to award the LED lighting installation project to Charles Higgins & Sons for the bid amount of \$23,130; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0. (Resnick - yes, Rich- yes, Humphreys – yes, Martin – yes, Peterson – yes, Papale – yes, Campbell – yes, Berry – yes.)

Mr. Kelly concluded his report.

Solicitor's Report:

Frank Catania presented the Solicitor's report.

Solicitor Catania announced that he had 7 clean up liens that he would be filing tomorrow.

Solicitor Catania said that the Borough had completed a title search for the property at Clifton Heights' field, and they had shared the results of that title search with the Upper Darby School District Board of Directors and had received no response.

Solicitor Catania said that they had sent notice of the Resolution that they adopted requesting a dedicated School Board member to represent the Borough of Clifton Heights, and they had received no response from the UDSD Board of Directors. He said that 5 other school districts in the area that encompass multiple municipalities work by regions so that all geographical areas are represented on their boards. He said that he would have a recommendation at the May meeting to institute litigation.

Councilman Resnick asked why they would wait when they are not going to be responsive.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to authorize the commencement of litigation against the Upper Darby School District Board of Directors if they fail to respond to their resolution requesting a dedicated School Board member within the 45 day time frame that was outlined in the Resolution; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Papale; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Councilwoman Papale asked when the trash contract was scheduled to expire.

Borough Manager Perfetti announced that they still have 2+ years on the contract.

She said that she is disappointed with their service still.

Mayor Lombardo said that there is just no one out there for the trash services.

Councilman Rich said they should consider their own sanitation workers again.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to waive the registration fees for the food trucks that would be operating on Opening Day for the PAL as long as they had valid health inspections from the State; seconded by Councilwoman Peterson; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Borough Manager Perfetti reminded all Councilmembers that their statements of financial interests were due in the Borough by May 1st.

Borough Manager Perfetti announced that their Liquid Fuels allotment for 2019 was released in the amount of \$165,896.93. He said that it should be in their account next week and he thanked the financial advisor for her work on that project.

Ward Reports:

Councilman Resnick had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Papale announced that the Easter Egg Hunt at the field was a very nice success. She thanked the Civic Association for their work and the Fire Company for Peter Rabbit, the Police Department for the escort and the Boys Club for providing access to the bathrooms.

Borough Manager Perfetti did alert Council that they did receive word from the County that there was a positive test for rabies in a raccoon, and the Borough had a raccoon acting strangely and they are awaiting test results from that raccoon.

President Berry had nothing to report.

Councilman Humphreys had nothing to report.

Councilman Rich said that he had an issue with the rear driveways in the 3rd ward, specifically the crater in the driveway behind Willowbrook and Cherry Street. He said that it is undriveable. He asked if there was any chance of making any temporary repairs.

President Berry said that that is private property.

Mayor Lombardo said that a lot of the driveways behind the row homes are in very bad shape, and he would love to investigate getting a grant to help the homeowners.

Councilman Rich said that with their tax millage rates, he thinks that they deserve some attention via temporary repairs.

Councilman Martin had nothing to report.

Councilman Campbell said that he and Councilwoman Peterson are 100% with the Mayor and will work diligently with him on anything he needs as they move forward.

Councilwoman Peterson said that she is still concerned about updates being needed on the Borough website.

Councilman Resnick said that the website had been updated as of the 5th. He said that he reached out to a couple of vendors that were provided to him, and he has received no response. He said that he wants the ability to have the forms on the website easily accessible and he has reached out with very specific outlines and has received no responses. He said that he will reach out to a couple other companies as they continue to move forward.

Closing Public Comment:

Christina Matsinger, 323 N. Oak Ave., asked if accident reports had been presented to the UDSD School Board regarding the intersection at Springfield Rd. and Oak Ave. She said that there are constantly accidents at that corner and that information should be presented to the School Board.

Mayor Lombardo said that if the School Board does apply to move forward with this process, the Borough would complete its own traffic study.

She asked if it would be wise to bring the accident information before the Board.

Mayor Lombardo said that he is fairly certain it would be a waste of breath.

She said that she had also heard that the traffic study failed and asked if that was accurate.

Mayor Lombardo said that they hadn't received any information about a failed traffic study.

She also said that she heard the property at Saint Eugene's had been sold.

Councilwoman Peterson said that there was talk about selling the property at the rear of the school, but they had received no updated information on any transfer of property.

She asked about the soil testing.

J.P. Kelly assured her that there would be extensive testing from both parties as the process moved forward.

Mayor Lombardo encouraged anyone interested in supporting them and their fight against the School Board to come to the events that they post and to also make sure that you vote.

Steve Goetz, 109 Academy Rd., said that the Boys Club is backing the Borough in its fight 100%.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Martin to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Humphreys; and carried unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Duffy
Clifton Heights Borough Secretary