

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
April 5, 2021

President Daily opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk of Council read the roll. Mr. Camp, Ms. Downs, Mr. Feldhaus, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tolliver.

Presentation: Prolighting Solar Energy

Mr. Matt Kolbinsky introduced himself as the program manager of Prolighting Solar Energy which offers simple and affordable renewable energy through the use of solar panels. Currently the Village of Silverton participates and some of the benefits include reducing utility bills, a 26% investment tax credit, a federal tax credit through 2022, increasing the resale value of a house by \$2.90 per watt of installed solar and reducing the carbon footprint. Discussion ensued amongst city council and those in attendance. The website to reach Mr. Kolbinsky for questions is www.prolightingsolar@gmail.com

Legislative and Finance Committee: Ron Tolliver Chairman

Public Hearing Follow Up

Just to recap tonight's public hearing, Mr. Tolliver formally requested Mr. Helmes, Law Director, to give proposed language to put into an Ordinance at the next council meeting.

Charter Amendment (Discussion)

Mr. Tolliver stated that the number of votes on city council was unsure. From the audience in attendance tonight, Ms. Hedger spoke to the fact that she was advised it was seven. Mr. Jetter stated that there was supposed to be six and that the seventh position would need to be voted in. The concern was brought up that if seven were the number and since the Mayor also gets a vote, it would be eight which could end up being a tie. Discussion ensued. Mr. Tolliver suggested we table this subject to allow us time to go back and look at the charter, that Mr. Jetter will send via email, and notes from their meetings.

Safety Committee: Chairman Tom Camp

Mr. Camp stated that there is nothing to report this evening. The Fire Department and Police Department Reports will be presented at the next council meeting.

Public Works Committee: Chairman Dan Lehane

Mr. Lehane would like us to set a time for a public meeting on the road levy to explain to residents that it will not raise their taxes. It was decided that April 22, 2021 will be the date of this meeting at the community center at 7 pm.

Park Board: Chairman Mark Feldhaus

Mr. Feldhaus stated that the Park Board is looking at putting Pickleball lines on the tennis courts. A suggestion was made to put a pop machine in Chamberlin Park. Mr. Jetter stated that he shot down the idea to put one in unless the Park Board would be making money directly from the pop sales.

New Business

Mr. Jetter stated the following:

The St. Johns Terrace road project opens up on April 15.

The Blue Ash Road Beautification Project begins this month with a grant from Hamilton County of \$85,000. This will allow us to put in planters and another bench along Blue Ash Road as well as a garbage can in front of the Deer Park Deli. The water main project is also in progress.

The city's new digital sign is now installed.

We are looking at developers to come in where the bowling alley was.

The Shell gas station remodel has experienced some delays and will reopen soon.

Schedule

April 5, 2021 Council Public Hearing on Text Amendment changes 6:30PM

April 5, 2021 Council Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

April 12, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 22, 2021 Public Meeting on Road Levy 7:00 PM Location: Community Center

April 24, 2021 Strategic Planning Session from 8:30 AM – noon. Location: Community Center

April 26, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

May 3, 2021 Council Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

May 10, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00PM

May 24, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00PM

June 7, 2021 Council Committee Meeting 7:00PM

June 14, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

June 21, 2021 Records Commission Meeting. 6:00PM

June 28, 2021 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Community Events

April 20, 2021 Block Watch 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

April 22, 2021 Earth Day and Arbor Day Tree planting in the Park

May 15, 2021 Music in the Park 7:00 to 10:00 PM (The Remains)

Monday May 31, 2021 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 AM

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Shaughn Daily
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council