

**MINUTES
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Second Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amber Belson, President
Ryan McGregor, Vice President
Todd Luke, President Pro Tem
Nancy Anderson
Heather Jones
Bill Beardsley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bobbi Jo Morey, Mayor
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager
Dan Miller, Solicitor
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant
Sean Lam, Police Chief
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor
Wayne Yokom, Streets Supervisor
Tyler Simmer, Interim Water Supervisor
Joel Morey, Junior Council Person
Jacob Jones
Tom Huber
Ray Schaff
Dan Adamus
Dave Herman
Chris Skrekla
Kayla Skrekla
Aaron Jelley
David Jelley
Jack Di'Orazio
Eric Urbanowicz
Others present, not signed in

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 931 – Heard Memorial Park Ordinance Amendment

Borough Council President A. Belson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

R. Shaff, 49 Gibson Street, asked if the new ordinance would allow anyone to walk in to Heard Park with alcohol at any time. H. Jones asked if required approval could be added to the ordinance. P. Gehrlein stated that the entire provision is already in place in the original ordinance, which requires council approval for park use, and that the proposed change only amends Section 4. C. Skrekla asked if it would have to be tied to a council-approved event. H. Jones said yes.

There were no other public comments. The public hearing ended at 6:02 p.m.

The second monthly meeting of North East Borough Council will be held Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER:

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, Borough Council President A. Belson called the second monthly meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INVOCATION:

B. Morey, Mayor, offered the invocation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICERS:

There were no Reports from Elected Officers.

REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICERS:

There were no Reports from Appointed Officers.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

There were no Reports from Standing Committees.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

There were no Reports from Special Committees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 931 – Heard Memorial Park Ordinance Amendment

N. Anderson motioned to approve Ordinance No. 931 – Heard Memorial Park Ordinance Amendment as presented. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-1. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>No</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Inter-Governmental Cooperation Agreement – North East Recreation Commission

P. Gehrlein stated that the North East School District solicitor submitted a revision to the previously passed agreement which now includes language from the Intergovernmental Law. R. McGregor motioned to approve the Inter-Governmental Cooperation Agreement –North East Recreation Commission as presented. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

North East Marina—Joint Authority Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

A. Belson stated that there will be a public hearing on April 1, 2024, to discuss forming a single municipal authority. She stated that she hopes to still work with the North East Township, but that she is disappointed that

the Township did not address all the proposed changes to the MOU and only approved one of the three sections. H. Jones motioned to deny approval of the North East Marina—Joint Authority Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed 5-1. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>No</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 03182024-1: Adoption of National Incident Management System (NIMS)

P. Gehrlein stated that the National Incident Management System is being recommended to Council by the North East Public Safety Advisory Commission, as it is recommended for local municipalities in establishing the chain of command in the event of an emergency. H. Jones motioned to approve Resolution 03182024-1: Adoption of National Incident Management System (NIMS) as presented. R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Gibson Park: American Legion Post 105 – Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade (May 27)

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the request for Gibson Park: American Legion Post 105—Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade (May 27) as presented. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

Eaton Reservoir Request: F-A Events—NAMBA Foot Race Benefit at Eaton Reservoir (New Date: May 5)

H. Jones motioned to approve the request for Eaton Reservoir: F-A Events—NAMBA Foot Race Benefit at Eaton Reservoir (New Date: May 5) as presented. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>
Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

T. Luke asked for an update regarding the Senior Center. P. Gehrlein stated that he has had detailed conversations with two individuals who are interested in serving on the advisory committee. He stated that there are proposed improvements to the building being considered, which will be handled by the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:11 p.m. H. Jones motioned to adjourn. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Bliss (March 19, 2024)

Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager