



Borough Council Public Hearing Minutes
February 08, 2022
7:15 pm

1. Call to Order, Salute to the Flag and Roll Call 7:24 PM

President Kudrich	P	Mr. Alessandra	P	Mr. Ohliger	P	Mr. Long	A
Mr. Clark	P	Mr. Bush Jr	P	Mr. Myer	P	EPRP	P
Mayor Clark	P	Mr. Maney	P	Ms. Turner	A	Ms. Salvato	P
Mr. Losee	P	Mr. Prey	P	Mr. Olver	P	Mr. Bolles	P

19 members of the public were present.

President's Remarks:

The purpose of this public hearing is to take comment on the proposed amendment to Chapter 82 of the Borough Code, Park Facilities Dog Park Ordinance. This will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council which follows at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Ohliger marked the following exhibits:

B1: Public Notice published in the Pike County Dispatch on January 13th of 2022, which meets the publication notice requirement under Borough Code.

B2: A letter from the Matamoras Planning Commission to the Matamoras Borough Council dated December 23, 2021 recommending approval of the Ordinance.

B3: Copy of the proposed Chapter 82 section 4.1 Park Facilities Sub-Section C. Dog Park

Mr. Ohliger explained the most significant material change is to paragraph 17 and the requirement to have a pooch pass to enter the park. The potential penalty for failure to obtain the pooch pass would be exclusion from the park by borough personnel. This can trigger a potential trespass situation if you are asked to leave and then return again without a pass. It would then become a police matter.

2. **Public Comment** (When recognized by the president, per Borough Code, state your name and address for the minutes):

Howard Vobis 808 Pennsylvania Ave: 1. What triggered this change? Mr. Bolles addressed this question. 2. How long would the ban last? Mr. Ohliger amended paragraph 17 to include a second paragraph noting the exclusion would be lifted once a Pooch Pass is obtained.

Lena Marinaro 100 8 Street: Will this be put on the website once it has been changed? Mr. Ohliger noted it will part of the Borough Code; it can be found on E-Code 360.

Bruce Selneck 10th Street: Questioned where he is allowed to walk his dog, what park area does the Pooch Pass allow access to and questioned the enforcement of leashes. Mr. Bolles addressed his questions and concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39 President Kudrich

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marianne Brown".

Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary