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The special meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Michael Kovach, with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

**In Attendance:**

Michael Kovach  
Michael Albert  
MaryJo Szada  
Dennis Heefner  
Stephen Shaver  
Thomas Acri, Mayor

**Absent:**

Lisa Wiedeman-Krosnar  
Jeffery Wright

Michael G. Musser, II, Secretary  
David A. Wion, Solicitor  
Jennifer Brown-Sweeney, Administrative Assistant

Eric Swartley, Fifth Ward Republican Club  
Erik Hume, Fifth Ward Republican Club  
James A. Deibler, Attorney for the Fifth Ward Republican Club

Mohammad Rizk, Keystone International Alliance  
Jan L. Budman, Attorney for Keystone International Alliance

Dawn Y. Dietrich, rptn

**Motion to Recess Meeting for Public Hearing:**

Motioned by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Shaver, to recess the meeting for a public hearing regarding a petition filed by the Fifth Ward Republican Club on vacating an alley within the Borough. Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Hearing:**

For hearing information please see the transcript located in the Borough Office.

**Motion to Reconvene Meeting:**

Motioned by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Dr. Szada, to reconvene the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Solicitor Wion stated that Council will have to take one of three actions: table the matter to a later meeting, motion to deny the petition, or motion to grant the petition.

Mr. Kovach stated that he would like to table the matter. He then asked Eric Swartley of the Fifth Ward to confirm that parking is not an issue, the main issue is getting access to

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the loading dock. Mr. Swartley stated that that was correct, and he is also concerned about getting in and out of the property if there is a truck there unloading.

Mr. Heefner stated that he was very concerned with emergency access and trash removal for these properties at the beginning of the process. He stated that the new easement will alleviate some of his concerns.

Dr. Szada questioned the measurements of the parcels on the map presented by Mr. Rizk. Mr. Rizk stated that his engineer is working to create specs. He stated that he believes he has done everything he can to work out an understanding with the Fifth Ward.

Ms. Deitrich was unable to take two of the exhibits with her to record into the transcripts.

Mr. Shaver motioned to table the matter to a later meeting, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

**Summer Parks Program Information:**

Mr. Albert stated that although there was not enough enrollment to hold a full-day summer program, he would still like to provide a safe place for the kids to go with adult supervision. Mr. Albert asked Council if all of them received the email about the free park program. Since not everyone had the opportunity to review the information, Mr. Albert motioned to go out of session at 8:05 PM, seconded by Mr. Heefner. Motion approved unanimously.

Motioned by Mr. Albert, seconded by Mr. Heefner, to go back into session at 8:08 PM. Motion approved unanimously.

Council discussed the money the School District is giving to the program. This money is already in the School District's budget, and the amount is \$12,500. The Borough will be providing maintenance on the area and Ms. Sviben's salary. Mr. Albert suggested that Ms. Sviben obtain a temporary employee for summer staff's vacation.

Mr. Heefner motioned to approve the free Summer Recreation Program with the stipulation that no borough tax money will be used, seconded by Mr. Albert. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Albert motioned to hire Nick Pogasic, Tory Pogasic, and Jordan Krovic the three most senior summer employees at a rate of \$7.25 per hour and on the condition that the amount does not exceed the \$12,500 given by the school, seconded by Mr. Heefner. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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There being no other business before Council, on motion by Dr. Szada, seconded by Mr. Albert, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael G. Musser, II  
Borough Secretary