

**MINUTES - KOPPEL BOROUGH TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**June 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Koppel Fire Hall**

**PRESENT**

Mayor – Athena Pangikas-Miller  
President – Tom Sobona  
Vice President - Jeff Dengler  
Susan Krawchyk  
Anna Marie Plavecsky  
Brett Plavecsky  
Rich Serge

Chief Warren, Sergeant Squicquero

**GUESTS PRESENT** – Skye Cider, Tim Brewer, Dave Plavecsky, Linda DeSanzo, Mary Jo Sobona, Cindy Chartrand, Alan Chartrand, Emily McConaughy, Carol Ferrigno, Michael Peters, Josh Konecheck, Ashley Wilson, Henry Tjernlund, Tomi Cronin, Lisa Liberatore, Ryan Bertolo

The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting is to get the input from residents about their vision, and top priority for Koppel Park. Copies of the future park design were handed out, which outlined 2 playground areas, a swing set and a pavilion as the main structures. Tracy Frampton from EADS talked about the grants that council has applied for. One is from Beaver County for a CBDG grant to help start the development of the park. The second grant applied for is thru DCED Greenway Trails and Recreation program. This is a \$250,000 grant and typically they announce who is awarded around November.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Councilman Dengler stated that since the grants are not guaranteed, council has looked into a possible low interest loan for \$200,000 for 10 years just to get the park started. We still owe approximately \$40,000 on the church and borough building property.
- Some council members prefer that the ballfield get started first but in general they just want to get **something** started.
- The general consensus from the guests was that the pavilion and some playground equipment be the first priority.
- Another suggestion is to put a few grills near the pavilion. The pavilion could also be rented for various events.
- There was a conversation on what to do with the church. Many said it should be repaired but the cost of repairs are extremely high – between \$1-2M.
- Josh Konecheck said this is just his thought, but by demonstrating a start to the playground with a loan, or however we decide to start, we may have a better chance of getting funded sooner because we are actively showing initiative. Others agreed that this could have an impact on our getting a grant.
- Security of the park was discussed and how to keep structures from being damaged.
- Council will take a vote on this at the next council meeting.

**Thanks to all the residents who took part in the meeting and discussions.**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM**