

**Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
6:00 pm**

MINUTES

Committee: Chairman, Mr. Kirkner, Ms. Burckley, and Mr. Ewald
Staff: Mr. Krack and Mr. Boelker

I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

II. Public Participation

Ms. Sally Doyle representing the ReReRe component of the Phoenixville Green Team expressed their support of the ordinance. She identified concerns with straws containing the PFAS chemicals.

Ms. Lucy Graham also representing the ReReRE group expressed their support of the ordinance.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions – None.

IV. New Business

A. Motion to cancel the December 26, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to Cancel. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

B. Discussion regarding Games of Chance.

Mr. Krack provided background on Games of Chance which are popping up in gas stations, smoke shops and other locations as so-called “skill games” which look like gambling machines. However, according to the latest court rulings, they are not. He noted that a recent provider attempted to locate and entire facility of machines in the downtown but was stopped due to not having HARB approval for their signage and that the use is considered a “Conditional Use” which has not been applied for.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize a letter to the state legislators seeking legislation to give municipalities the ability to regulate them. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

V. Current Focus Business

- A. Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Health and Safety, by adding a new Part 5 Plastics.

Mr. Kirkner provided various recommendations for the committee to consider.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to recommend Borough Council schedule and advertise the ordinance with the changes Mr. Kirkner presented. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 3-0.

- B. Discussion regarding Zoom Meetings in 2024.

The committee discussed eliminating the hybrid meeting with the exception of Borough Council which will remain a hybrid format.

- C. Enforcement of bans on reproductive health services.

Nothing new to report.

- D. Parking

Nothing new to report.

VI Adjournment at 6:45 pm by Mr. Ewald.

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm