

An Update on the Main Street Redevelopment Project from Council President Michael Harris, May 13, 2019

Earlier this month the Mayor used the Borough's webpage and its social media page to publish a self-described "update" regarding the Borough's Main Street Redevelopment Project (Driver, 5/2/19). It should be noted that the "update" was not authorized by Council; while members of the Borough's Redevelopment Committee were named, the "update" was also not authorized by the Redevelopment Committee.

Authorship and implied approval are important should accuracy and truthfulness come into question as it has for this "update."

This is not the first time political use of the Borough's webpage and its social media page have been questioned. For example, last year the former mayor published a statement that Council approved the use of eminent domain, but the July 9, 2018 approved minutes prove that there was in fact a split vote on the issue.

Using the Borough's webpage and/or social media to editorialize or for political purposes is both inappropriate and an abuse of the trust placed in those elected to represent the interests of the Borough. It is also inappropriate with regards to ongoing litigation.