

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 28, 2010**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Maloney. Present in addition to Mr. Maloney were committee members Terry Mest, Lori Carnes, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Council member Barry Christman; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager; and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Mest, and approved.

Unfinished Business

Joint Planning Committee – Mrs. Spaide reported that the Joint Planning Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, April 22nd at the Colebrookdale Township Municipal Building. The commission approved a motion to recommend that the governing bodies of each municipality approve the Joint Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance must be provided to the County of Berks Planning Commission for review. The County Planning Commission has forty five days in which to review the ordinance. Following review and comments by the County Planning Commission, each municipality will hold their public hearing and then vote to adopt the ordinance. Boyertown's hearing will be held at the July 12th meeting of Council, after which council will vote on adoption of the ordinance. Boyertown will be the last municipality to hold a public hearing and vote on adoption of the ordinance.

Joint Planning Committee Railroad Yard Property – It is believed that the DCNR will have issues with the easement agreement as proposed for the crane. An alternative has been provided to the BBB for review with the DCNR. Additional information may be available for discussion in executive session on May 3rd.

Parking Lease Agreements Former Railroad Property – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that following clarification of some items in the proposed lease agreement, Mr. Isaacs has indicated that he will execute the agreement. Mrs. Spaide informed Mr. Isaacs that the agreement must be signed and returned to the borough office prior to the May 3rd meeting of Council.

New Business

Kelly Endy Resignation Park and Recreation Board – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that Mrs. Endy has tendered her resignation from the Park and Recreation Board. Following discussion, the committee agreed that the vacancy should be advertised in the local newspaper. Mr. Deery will appoint a committee at the May 3rd meeting of Council to interview the interested candidates. Mr. Christman and Mrs. Carnes, who both serve on the board, will be part of the interview committee. Mr. Deery requested that they select one other member of the board to participate.

Other Comments

Mrs. Deery commented that she will donate the two benches in front of her property on East Philadelphia Avenue to the borough to be placed in one of the parks. Mr. Christman noted the need for additional benches at the Franklin Street Mini Park, and will provide assistance to the borough staff in relocating the benches to the park.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by Mr. Maloney and seconded by Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary