

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 19, 2021**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gene Gabel. Present in addition to Mr. Gabel were committee members Keith Endy, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance was Council member Lori Carnes; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark LLC.; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.; and numerous interested citizens.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st, 2021 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Endy, and approved.

Mr. Gabel called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Unfinished Business

Lighting and Parking Lot Layout Plan 25 SRA & 16 WPA – Mr. Unger advised Mrs. Loder that prices he obtained for milling and macadamming an area between the lower and upper portion of the parking lot are over the municipal bidding threshold which is \$21,300. Mr. Unger recommends the borough include the work in the 2022 street reconstruction project. Mr. Unger has provided the revised lighting plan to Mrs. Loder. Mrs. Loder will meet with TL Conrad Electric to order the lights and prepare for installation.

Use and Occupancy Permit for Transfer of Ownership – Tabled to 2022

Registration of Rental Property Tenants – Tabled to 2022

Municipal Trash Collection – Tabled to 2022

New Business

Pickleball Courts Community Park – Mr. Gabel recognized Jean Phillips who discussed with the members the addition of three Pickleball Courts adjacent to the existing three courts. The addition of these courts would require the loss of 30 +/- parking spaces. Ms. Phillips noted that the sport has grown in popularity; noting that the groups TeamReach membership has grown from 75 to 165 participants. The pros and cons of the subject were discussed at length, including the impact of the loss of the parking spaces and additional maintenance costs. On the pro side the addition of courts would provide an opportunity to hold clinics and tournaments and attract advanced players; currently there are not enough courts during prime-time for all interested players to play. Following discussion Ms. Phillips was asked to attend the October 20th meeting

of the Park and Recreation Board to obtain the Boards input. Mr. Deery also noted that the matter would be referred to full Council for consideration.

Public Comment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel and second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary