

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 23, 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 were Council members Lori Carnes, Terry Mest, and Charles Heller; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly Inframark LLC.; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.; and numerous interested citizens.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Christman, 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** – The revised lighting plan has been provided to TL Conrad Electric. Mr. Conrad has been asked to advise Mrs. Loder on the anticipated delivery date of the lights and projected installation date.

**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

**Pickleball Courts Community Park** – Mr. Ed Saxman and Mr. Ed Greth addressed the committee concerning a request by regional pickleball players to allow the construction of three additional pickleball courts on the former ice skating rink. Discussion held on the subject included the loss of thirty nine parking spaces, which are presently located on the former ice skating rink. It was noted that construction of additional courts outside of the skating rink area would incur a much larger capital outlay. Mr. Saxman and Mr. Greth also discussed how pickleball players use apps on their smartphones to coordinate meeting with each other to play on the various courts throughout the region. The group estimated the cost of the proposed project could be in the range of \$35,000 to \$40,000. The group has been in contact with representatives of the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Boyertown for assistance in obtaining a grant for the project. The group requested approval for the project from the governing body and stated if project approval is given, they will pursue donations and grant funding for the project. Following a lengthy discussion, the committee and council members present agreed by a majority show of hands to approve the project. Mr. Gabel is opposed to the project.

## **New Business**

**No Nonsense Neutering 2022 Contract** – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the members the 2022 contract provided by No Nonsense Neutering. Mrs. Loder noted that the fee for sterilization services is increased in 2022 from \$35.00 to \$40.00. Mrs. Loder recommends authorization to execute the contract. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Borough Council.

**2022 Schedule of Meetings** – Mrs. Loder distributed the 2022 Schedule of Meetings. Mrs. Loder noted that she has been in contact with councilman elect Neubauer and Casino and they both indicate no conflict with the schedule of meetings. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Borough Council.

**Eagle Scout Project** – Boy Scout Lucas Glackin, Troop 503, discussed with the committee an Eagle Scout Project to identify the various species of trees in the community park. The committee and council members present favor attaching a stainless steel sign to the tree rather than a free standing sign in front of the tree. However, the elected officials would like Mr. Glackin to confirm with an arborist that inserting a steel rod in the tree would not harm the tree. Following discussion, the committee and council members present agreed to approve the project and advised Mr. Glackin that Mrs. Loder would sign the project documents on behalf of the Borough.

**Retirement Donna Gehris** – Mrs. Loder advised the committee and council members present that Mrs. Gehris submitted her letter of intent to retire effective December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

## **Public Comment**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Secretary