

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 19, 2022**

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 Charles Heller; Lori Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark LLC.; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc.; Ed Saxman, Andy Pokoy and Dan Wheeler, affiliated with the Boyertown Picklers; and numerous interested individuals.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 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 – The lights and poles have been delivered; waiting for TL Conrad to provide an installation date.

New Business

Pickleball Courts Community Park – Mr. Gabel recognized Ed Saxman, Andy Pokoy, and Dan Wheeler representing the Boyertown Picklers. Mr. Saxman addressed the committee on the subject of the addition of three additional pickleball courts on the former ice skating rink at the Boyertown Community Park. As previously discussed, the addition of three pickleball courts would eliminate the existing thirty nine parking spaces. Mr. Saxman stated that he has a proposal for preparation of a Master Plan at a cost of \$2,500, and an estimated total project cost of \$35,000 to \$40,000. Prior to execution of the proposal, the group is seeking Borough Council's formal approval of the project. Representatives of the group indicated that the Boyertown Lions and Rotary Clubs have indicated a willingness to undertake the project. However, Mr. Charles Haddad, a member of the Rotary Club stated that no formal presentation has been made to the Rotary Club; therefore, the Rotary Club has not committed to the project. It is unknown the status of the Lions Club willingness to participate in the project.

A lengthy discussion was held on the subject. Mr. Deery suggested the Committee recommend that Borough Council approve a motion at the May 2nd Council Meeting to commit to permitting the use of the former ice skating rink for a total of six pickleball courts. It was also recommended that the group determine if the Boyertown Lions and Rotary Clubs will participate in the project, and to advise the Borough of the clubs' decision. The committee agreed with Mr. Deery's recommendation.

The group also inquired if they could install curtains between the existing three courts and place a small storage locker at the courts. They were advised to provide the committee with more specifics regarding this request including the size and proposed location of a storage locker.

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, second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary