

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 21, 2022**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:35 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 Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark LLC., Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc., and an interested citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 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 – TL Conrad is expected to begin installation of the lights and poles next week.

Community Swimming Pool – In follow-up to last month's discussion concerning the condition of the community swimming pool, Mrs. Loder advised that the YMCA has agreed to drain the pool in September or October to permit SSM, Inc. to inspect the condition of the pool. Mrs. Loder also noted that the YMCA's lease for operation of the pool expires in February 2025.

New Business

Park Use Agreement – Boyertown Historical Society – Mrs. Loder provided the committee with a Park Use Agreement for use of the park for the Boyertown Historical Societies Tractors in the Park event. The event date is September 10th with a rain date of September 11th. Mrs. Loder noted that there are no changes to the agreement from the previous years' agreement. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the July 5th meeting of Borough Council.

Boyertown Historical Society – 50th Birthday Celebration – Mr. Gabel recognized Mrs. LuAnn Zambanini, representing the Historical Society. Mrs. Zambanini requested use of the Community Park for the 50th birthday celebration on August 14th, 2022 between the hours of noon and 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Zambanini said planning of the event is ongoing; however, they plan to have food vendors, old fashioned games, and perhaps a costume party. Mrs. Loder advised that the park is available on August 14th. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Council approve a Park Use Agreement for the event.

Boyertown Historical Society – Request for Letter of Support Capital Campaign – The committee reviewed a letter submitted to Borough Council by Jillian Magee, Executive Director, of the Boyertown Historical Society. The letter requests a letter of support from the Borough for the funding of the Society’s Capital Campaign. Mrs. Loder asked Mrs. Zambanini for clarification on the request. Specifically, is the Society looking for a financial contribution or a general letter of support. Mrs. Zambanini was not aware of the letter; however, she stated her belief that Ms. Magee is seeking a general letter of support which could be included in various grant applications the Society plans to submit. Following discussion, the committee advised Mrs. Zambanini that they would not recommend issuance of a general letter of support; and advised her to inform Ms. Magee to feel free to request letters of support for specific grant applications.

Recreation Board Recommendation for Appointment of Tracey Mackey, term to expire 2025 – The Park and Recreation Board is recommending Borough Council appoint Borough resident Tracey Mackey to the Board. Mr. Christman noted that there is one additional Borough resident Board seat vacancy still remaining. The appointment of Mrs. Mackey to the Park and Recreation Board will be listed on the agenda of the July 5th meeting of Borough Council.

Mr. Christman then discussed with the committee an Eagle Scout Project, which the Park and Recreation Board has been working on with a local scout. The project involves the construction of a sign board with a small roof similar to the sign at the flag pole in the community park. The sign would hold a map of the disc golf course showing the layout of the course. Mr. Christman stated that the materials for construction of the sign are estimated to cost approximately \$1,500, and that the Park and Recreation Board would like to use Recreation Fund monies they have accumulated over the years from Boyertown Fun Days to fund this project. Discussion was held on the subject; the committee thought it would be preferable to display a map that shows all the park features. Mr. Christman stated that he is working with Roger Lehmann and Jeff Graber on a map of the park/disc golf course. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Borough Council authorize an expense not to exceed to \$2,000.00 to be paid from the Recreation Fund to support this project. This will be listed on the agenda of the July 5th meeting of Borough Council.

Public Comment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel, second by Mr. Endy. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary