

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

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Gene Gabel. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Gabel were Keith Endy, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Council member Charles Heller; Marianne Deery, Mayor; and Patricia Loder, Borough Manager.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2020 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

25 South Reading Avenue – Mr. Unger will have a lighting plan prepared for review by the Borough within two weeks. Regarding replacement of the retaining wall, Mr. Unger recommended using concrete lego blocks, which could be installed by the street department. Discussion was held and it was agreed use of concrete lego blocks is feasible and can be installed by the Street Department staff.

EBRP Commission Appointments – Mrs. Loder informed the members that the appointment of Mr. Deery and Mr. Heller to the Eastern Berks Regional Police Commission was not included on the agenda of the January meeting of Council. Mrs. Loder noted that this is an annual appointment of two elected officials of the Borough to the Police Commission. Mrs. Loder will add this appointment to the agenda of the February meeting of Council.

New Business

Mrs. Loder asked the committee for their thoughts on the Park and Recreation Board holding the annual Earthfest event in April and Fun Days on June 3rd through 5th. Both events are held at the Community Park. Discussion was held on the subject and the committee and Mr. Heller agreed that they don't have concerns about holding the Earthfest Event because it is a small event held over a short period of time. With regard to Fun Days the committee and Mr. Heller feel it is too early in the year to make a decision about holding the Fun Days event. A decision on whether to allow the event to be held in June will be made no later than April.

Public Comment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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, February 16th, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary