

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2021**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:50 p.m. Committee members present were Keith Endy, Barry Christman, and ex-officio member Frank Deery. Chairman Gene Gabel was absent.

Also in attendance were Council members Charles Heller, Lori Carnes, and Terry Mest; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Thomas Unger, SDE, Inc.; and interested citizens.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Endy, seconded by Mr. Christman, and approved.

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

Unfinished Business

25 South Reading Avenue – Mr. Unger distributed the bid results for a Low Volume Driveway at the Pine Street Alley Parking Lot. The low bid was submitted by Bertolet Construction Corporation in the amount of \$57,021.00. Following a brief discussion, the committee recommended this matter be listed on the agenda of the April 5th meeting of Borough Council for conditional award.

Fun Days – June 3rd to 5th – Mr. Christman advised the committee that a majority of the Park and Recreation Board members do not want to hold Fun Days in the Park in 2021 due to the ongoing concern surrounding Covid 19. It was noted that the Board did discuss the possibility of holding the event in September of 2021; however, no firm decision was made.

New Business

One Boyertown – Mr. Endy recognized individuals of the group who identifies as One Boyertown. Pastor Bob Machamer of St. John's Church introduced and outlined the concept of One Boyertown. One Boyertown members Charles Haddad and Jim Barton asked questions regarding the continuation of the Mainstreet Streetscape Plan and the Borough's code enforcement procedures. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Haddad would arrange a meeting with two representatives each from Building a Better Boyertown, the Borough, and One Boyertown to discuss the Mainstreet Streetscape Plan. It was also agreed that Mr. Barton and Mr. Heller will meet with Code Official Keith Yeager to review Property Maintenance concerns in various locations in the Borough.

Public Comment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary