

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jarid Miller. Present in addition to Mr. Miller were committee members Keith Endy, Thomas McHugh, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Jeffrey Cascino, Councilman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly and Alex Eidle, Inframark, LLC; Jason Newhard, SSM, Inc., and interested individuals.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23rd, 2024 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Endy, and approved.

Mr. Miller called for public comment; no comments were forthcoming.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Park Use Request – Tunnel to Towers Foundation – The committee reviewed a request submitted by Becca Ellis for use of the Community Park on June 15th, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to hold a community event in support of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The event will include a 5K Run, utilizing the park trail, a kids run, and a family fun festival including inflatable attractions, face painting, dunk tank, live music and entertainment, and food vendors. Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Boyertown Midget Baseball League is aware of this request and has indicated that it will not conflict with their baseball schedule.

Following all discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Borough Council enter into a Park Use Agreement to permit this event.

Aerial Photography by Greg Cromer – The committee recognized Mr. Cromer who shared with them a 20 x 28 framed aerial photograph of Boyertown. Mr. Cromer advised that his aerial photos are taken from an airplane not a drone and are available in different sizes. The framed photo he brought to the meeting is available for a cost of \$195.00. The committee agreed the photo would be appropriate for display in the lobby of Borough Hall. Following discussion, the committee agreed to purchase the photo.

Public Comment

Mr. Miller called for public comment and recognized resident Steve Castagna, 357 West Philadelphia Avenue, who inquired about repair of a manhole on West Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Castagna noted that he has spoken with Inframark personnel numerous times about the noise it makes when trucks or vehicles drive over it. Mr. Schoenly advised Mr. Castagna that a contractor has been retained to replace two manholes on West Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Schonely noted that the contractor has a backlog of work, which has caused a delay in making the repair.

There being no further public comment or business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy, second by Mr. McHugh. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager