

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 29, 2023

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Committee member Charles Heller. Present in addition to Mr. Heller were committee members Jeff Cascino, and ex-officio member Frank Deery. Committee member Charles Neubauer was absent.

Also in attendance were Lori Carnes, Mayor; Barry Christman, Councilman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; and interested citizens.

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Cascino, to approve the minutes of the March 1st, 2023 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman submitted the monthly report on the activities of the department.

Unfinished Business

3 Dog Garage, 704 East Fourth Street-Request for Loading Zone – Mrs. Loder advised that Mr. Boyer was expected to attend this evening’s meeting of the committee to answer any questions the committee may have on the subject. Mrs. Loder did note that in response to the committee’s inquiry of last month concerning a time limit on the requested loading zone that Mr. Boyer indicated that vehicle delivery occurs at random hours of the day and night. Mr. Boyer advised Mrs. Loder that they could receive a vehicle delivery at 7:00 p.m. If the loading zone hours were limited to 5:00 p.m. they would have to unload the vehicle on East Fourth Street. Mr. Deery inquired if 3 Dog Garage would be agreeable to reimbursing the Borough for the cost associated with amending the Code of Ordinances. Mrs. Loder will contact Mr. Boyer to inquire if he is able to attend the April 3rd meeting of Borough Council.

New Business

American Legion 3rd Annual Car Show September 10th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Mrs. Loder advised the members that the American Legion has requested to hold the 3rd Annual Car Show event on Walker Drive on September 10th, 2023. Walker Drive would be closed to through traffic between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. BAF&R will handle traffic control. Cars will be displayed on one half of Walker Drive allowing the remaining half to be used by Walker Drive residents as needed. The American Legion will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough additional insured. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the April 3rd meeting of Borough Council.

BaBB – Before I Die – Temporary Public Art Project – Community Walkway –

Jane Stahl, Theresa Heist and Amy Muzopapa addressed the committee concerning their interest in sponsoring a “Before I Die” temporary public art project. The Before I Die project is a Global Art Project that invites people to reflect upon their mortality and consider things that matter most. There are over 5,000 walls around the world. Mrs. Stahl stated that John Martignetti will design and build the wall, which will be placed on the Central House property adjacent to the public walkway from East Philadelphia Avenue to the Town Center Parking Lot. The wall will be spray painted with Chalkboard paint and will be maintained and monitored by BaBB and Studio B volunteers. The wall will be anchored to the concrete walk directly adjacent to and on the Central House property. The group would like the Before I Die Art Project to be in place from approximately June 20th through August 20th. The committee and council member present expressed their support of the project. Mrs. Loder will confer with the solicitor to determine if the project requires Council approval since it will be installed on private property.

Public Comments

Mayor Carnes commented that it has been reported to her that a vehicle has been parked on North Franklin Street adjacent to the rain garden bump out. Mrs. Loder will contact the solicitor to draft an amendment to the Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking along a rain garden bump out.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Heller and seconded by Mr. Cascino. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary