

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
August 2, 2023

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

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

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

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve the minutes of the May 31st, 2023 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman reviewed the Police Chief's Report for the month of July.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Handicap Parking Request – 614 Rhoads Avenue – The committee reviewed a request for a handicap parking space at 614 Rhoads Avenue. Chief Leatherman noted that the resident has provided proof of a handicap placard. Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Cascino, to recommend Borough Council approve the handicap parking request. The motion was approved.

Boyertown Rotary Club Fall Frolic 5K October 7th – The committee reviewed a request from the Boyertown Rotary Club to hold the annual Fall Frolic 5K run on October 7th. This is a share the road event with the majority of the course in Douglass and Colebrookdale Townships. The race begins and ends at the Boyertown Community Park, which is permitted through a Park Use Agreement, which will require Council approval. This is the 17th year this event is being held. Chief Leatherman noted that there have been no notable problems with the event. Following a brief discussion, the matter was referred to Borough Council for approval.

Request for Pedestrian Crosswalk Sign-NRA & 5th Street – Mr. Neubauer and the committee reviewed a request from a resident at 52 North Reading Avenue for pedestrian cross walk signs to be installed at the intersection of North Reading Avenue and 5th Street. Mr. Neubauer considered the request and recommended pedestrian cross walk signs be installed at the following intersections within the Town Center Zoning District: West Philadelphia Avenue and Walnut Street; South Reading Avenue and Third Street; East Philadelphia Avenue and Franklin Street, and North Reading Avenue and Fifth Street. Chief Leatherman stated that because Reading and Philadelphia Avenues are state roads, he believes PennDOT approval is required. The Chief advised that he believes approval through a written request to PennDOT for authorization to install and maintain the signs is required. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to request PennDot approval for installation of the signs. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the August 7th meeting of Council.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 30th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary