

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Hall at 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Smeltz, Councilor Hall, Mayor Bradley, and Police Chief Williams. Also present was Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by Councilor Smeltz, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ryan King, 100 Charlan Boulevard represented several residents living at The Lakes regarding on-going issues with the Mount Joy Cyclones football games. Mr. King read several emails from concerned citizens outlining several issues; speeding cars, loud music from cars, large groups of rowdy people. Additionally, music lyrics and language from the games are not “kid friendly” and is inappropriate, parking limits the street to one lane only with the potential to prevent access for emergency vehicles, open containers, and a general disregard for the law.

Mayor Bradley stated that concerns regarding noise issues have been discussed in the past. He requested that a copy of the emails be forwarded to him so that he can respond.

Councilor Hall stated that when the violations are occurring, the police department should be contacted so that they can respond to the scene,

Jason Brooks, 111 Lakeside Crossing stated that the noise is excessive but the biggest issue is the speeding cars. Because the road is not dedicated, there are a lot of pot holes. There are a lot of children in the area and the speeding cars is a safety issue for the children.

Dan Keen, 213 Lakeside Crossing stated that litter is also an issue as it gets in the pond and is scattered all over. Mr Keen fills up a trash bag of litter from the game.

Ken Shellenberger, 125 Charlan Boulevard stated that he avoids the neighborhood on game day because of traffic safety issues.

Mayor Bradley stated that the park is a “first come, first serve” facility. The park is not reserved for the football team.

Councilor Fahndrich stated that she lives at The Lakes and acknowledges that parking is an issue on game day. She feels that the team has outgrown the facility at the park. She stated that this should be a consideration when the Facilities Use form is created.

Brian Brubaker, Director of Parks said that there is a sign stating the rules in all the parks near the entrance. There is also a facilities use form that the club had to sign.

Councilor Smeltz stated that the conversation about noise has already been held. If the organization is not following the rules, then someone needs to meet with them tell them we’ve received complaints that need to be addressed. If the rules are not followed, the permit will be revoked. The parks belong to everybody and not to a specific organization.

Councilor Hall said that until the streets are dedicated, only the developer can tow the cars or the HOA can issue a ticket.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on February 26, 2018 with one correction to page three was made by Councilor Smeltz. Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

Fire Chief Gohn will be sending an Event Participation Form for the Fire Police to assist the Hempfield Rec Center with a triathlon in directing traffic. Also, a request form for disbursement of training money to fabricate a training simulator for hose loading will also be submitted.

EMA REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

The Mayor reported a reminder email went out today that a PennDOT official will be here to do a walk. After that has been completed, the Mayor is sure there will be more to discuss.

Main & Marietta cross walk update

No Report.

Facilities Use Form
No Report

Parking on E Donegal St @ S Barbara St

Mayor Bradley stated that he continues to get complaints. He told the person that every time there is an issue, to send an email to both the Mayor and to the Chief. The Mayor will also look at how the possibility of changing the address which will change the way GPS takes traffic.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking on S Plum St @ 900 W Main St

Angie Drumheller, 900 West Main Street, asked what the public safety issue that caused the entire street to be made a no parking area. This is causing a problem for her accounting/tax preparation business located at that address. The no parking signs were just recently installed even though the street was designated as no parking in 2015. Councilor Smeltz stated that he will research the issue and will contact Ms. Drumheller.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 1932 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2025 Hrs. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Susan Birchall