

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 22, 2016**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gene Gabel. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Gabel were Barry Christman, and Frank Deery, ex-officio member. Committee member Keith Endy was absent.

Also in attendance were Council Terry Mest; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and Jessica Sockel, Wings of Hope. Council member Lori Carnes arrived at approximately 7:15 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mr. Christman, and approved.

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Cancer Memorial Garden Community Park** – There was nothing new to report; Mr. Rothenberger was scheduled to attend the meeting, however, he did not attend.

**Rinehart's Sanitation Services Inc. Cost Proposal – Community Park** – Mrs. Loder shared with the members a cost proposal submitted by Rinehart's Sanitation for a portable restroom to be placed at the Community Park. The monthly charge is \$108.62; there is a one time delivery, setup, environmental charge of \$26.98. Following discussion, the committee agreed to place this matter on the agenda to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the proposal for a portable restroom at the Community Park through April of 2017.

**New Business**

**Jessica Sockel, Wings of Hope – Park Use Request** – Ms. Sockel, representing the Wings of Hope Charity, requested permission to use the Community Park on May 13, 2017 to hold an Arts in the Park fundraising event, which will include food vendors, musical entertainment, farmers market, and craft vendors. The event hours would be 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the event would be held largely at the rear of the park surrounding the Spaatz and Campbell Pavilions; however, the organizers may choose to use Scoops Way for the food vendors because adequate electricity is available at that location. Mrs. Loder had previously advised the event organizers that there is insufficient electric service at the rear of the park for food vendors and that vendors would likely have to use generators. Discussion was held on the request following which the committee agreed to recommend that Council approve the request. Mrs. Loder will ask the solicitor to prepare a Park Use Agreement with the fee for use of the park set at 15% of net profits with a minimum charge of \$75.00 and a maximum charge of \$500.00.

**Appointments Boards, Commissions and Offices 2017** – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee the list of appointments to Boards, Commissions and Offices for terms expiring the first Monday of January 2017. Mrs. Loder noted that most of those whose terms are set to expire have agreed to accept reappointment. Mrs. Loder is still waiting for responses from Nicole Spanier and Steven Bleiler, who serve as non-voting representatives of the Park and Recreation Board. Mrs. Loder also noted that Barry Christman has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Kevin Patton moved out of the Borough. These appointments will be made at the January meeting of Borough Council.

**Public Comment**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel, second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Secretary