

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 26, 2016**

The meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 8:50 p.m. by Chairman Gene Gabel. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Gabel were Keith Endy, Barry Christman, and Frank Deery, ex-officio member.

Also in attendance were Council members Lori Carnes, Charles Heller and Terry Mest; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 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 is out of town.

New Business

2017 Schedule of Meetings – The members reviewed the 2017 Schedule of Meetings. Mrs. Loder noted that if there are no changes the meeting schedule will be listed on the agenda of the Council Meeting for authorization to advertise.

The Chairman then recognized Mrs. Carnes who provided numerous comments/concerns expressed by the Park and Recreation Board. Mrs. Carnes noted that the Board received a comment concerning the need for more trash receptacles in the park around the walking trail; the Board also inquired about providing a portable restroom in the Community Park during the months when the park is winterized, and wants to ensure that if in the future the Borough sells the current Borough Hall building the Washington Street Playground is retained.

Discussion was held on the concerns raised and Mrs. Loder will discuss with Bruce the current number of trash receptacles in the park and how often they need to be emptied. In addition, Mrs. Loder will obtain a price for a portable restroom.

Comments on the Agenda

Mr. Gabel called for public comment and recognized Mr. Clayton Leister who addressed the committee concerning the use of profane language by individuals utilizing the Franklin Street Mini Park.

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There being no business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel, second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of the House Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary