

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 31, 2017

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Terry Mest. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Mest were Charles Heller, Lori Carnes, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Council member Barry Christman; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and Jeremy Rolston, Rotary Club.

Mr. Mest made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and approved by the members present.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman briefly reviewed with the committee a report on department activities and upcoming events. Chief Leatherman also advised the committee of a handicap parking request for 307 East Third Street. The request will be listed on the agenda of the June 5th, meeting of Council.

The Chief noted that he has not yet contacted PennDOT concerning a reduction of the speed limit on West Philadelphia Avenue. The Chief will make that contact prior to the next meeting of the committee.

Unfinished Business

Advance Green Philadelphia and Reading Avenue – The Chief advised the members that Mr. Deery and Mr. Heller performed a traffic count at the main intersection on May 12th between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Chief stated that the traffic volume at the intersection is not sufficient to meet PennDOT criteria for left turn advance signal. The traffic count totals amounted to approximately 65% of the total volume required.

New Business

Rotary Club 5K Run – Jeremy Rolston – Mr. Rolston reviewed with the committee the route for the annual Rotary Club 5K Run. Mr. Rolston noted that the run has historically been held on the same day as the Park and Recreation Boards Fall Festival Event; however, this year the run is proposed for October 7th. The decision to separate the run from the Fall Festival appears to be a mutually agreed upon decision by the Rotary Club and the Park and Recreation Board. The route remains the same as in previous years and the request for police assistance is unchanged from last year. The Club will seek approval from Colebrookdale and Douglass Townships for the portion of the run which goes through the townships.

It was noted that a Park Use Agreement will be required; in the past the event was considered to be part of the Fall Festival Event. Mr. Rolston indicated that they would like the use of the Rohrbach Pavilion for registration which begins at 7:30 a.m. The entire event is over by 10:30 a.m. Discussion was held concerning a fee for use of the park; the committee agreed to waive the fee due to the Rotary Club's numerous contributions to the Community Park. The committee had no objection to the event; Mrs. Loder will have the solicitor prepare a Park Use Agreement.

BBB – Dog Days August 19th – The committee reviewed the annual request from the BBB to hold the Dog Days of August event on August 19th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are requesting the closure of North Chestnut Street from Philadelphia Avenue to the Thompkins Vist Bank parking lot entrance. The road closure is between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The committee had no objection to the request; this matter will be listed on the agenda of the June 5th meeting of Council.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Mr. Mest and seconded by Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary