

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

October 6, 2016

2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman James Decker, Sr., Councilmembers Jim Bair, John Gradwell, and Donna Isenberg, Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: See attached sign-in sheet.

Chairperson Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howard Crouch was present to share his comments on the current education system.

Linda DeArmitt was present to get the roads closed for the Mayfest, scheduled for April 29, 2017, from 8:00 am-2:30 pm, from Penn to Mifflin St. on 5th and the 6th St parking lot. She also asked for permission to have a street dance. Chairperson Decker explained that the Borough is creating an activity registration form and all this information will need to be included in the form. Councilperson Isenberg asked for Ms. DeArmitt to drop off a copy of the list of Streets at the Borough Office.

Madison Troha and Drew Weglarz were present to share with the Council the survey results from the Strategic Planning Committee Surveys. They met with one class in the High School and asked 2 questions. If you could add one thing to the Community what would it be and if you could take one thing away what would it be? The most popular suggestion for an addition to the community was a Drive-in movie theater and secondly a Healthy Alternative. They would like to partner with local movie owners for movies. The Healthy Alternative would be a place for students to go to study and eat healthier foods.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown was not present.

GRANT'S ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Maureen Safko presented the grant's administrator's report. The letter of award came for the 2015 CDBG fund. She reported that the CDBG application for 2016 is moving along. It is due between November 18th and December 16th. Finally, regarding the Blair Field

Parking Lot project the engineer has completed the first step in submitting an application for the permits necessary for the Blair Field Parking Lot.

Chairperson Decker updated the Committee on the Strategic Plan Schedule reporting that the next meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30 pm. in the Council Chambers. We will be setting some goals and objectives during the next Community Development Committee.

OPEN ISSUES:

JUNIATA COLLEGE-CAMPUS STORMWATER PLAN

MEETING: Manager Wheeler reported that they are still finishing up on that. They had a couple issues. The water washed over the silt fence.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-WINTON HILL PROJECT: Manager Wheeler stated the formal dedication for the Winton Hill Project was a couple of weeks ago. The facility will not be complete until later this month.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLD SPRINGS ROAD/ MOORE STREET

PROJECT: Manager Wheeler reported that they have asked for an extension for the Engineering Design portion and they want to start part 2. Manager Wheeler stated that the Vice President of Finance John Wilkins has just returned from a leave of absence and as soon as he gets up to speed on the project there will be meeting with the SPK Engineering Group.

JUNIATA COLLEGE – ISMA (Arts) Building Project: Manager Wheeler he does not have an update. He does not think there has been as progress.

WALKING BROCHURE STATUS AND POST OFFICE CELEBRATION

BANNERS: There is not an update on this.

BOROUGH ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION: Manager Wheeler reported that he is needing Nicole's help or Judy's help to set the interactive data up. Councilperson Bair offered to work with Manager Wheeler.

BOROUGH TOWN CLOCK-STATUS: Manager Wheeler reported that the Borough does not have that kind of money. The question is this really a legal agreement and does the borough really have the financial responsibility to maintain the clock based on a very old agreement. Chairperson Decker stated that we need

to check to see if this is a legal document. Manager Wheeler will send this to Solicitor Wilson.

STREET PARKING SPACES AT HIGH SCHOOL STATUS:

REVISED SCHOOL REQUEST: Manager Wheeler has not received an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

DAILY NEWS CALENDARS & NEWS ARTICLE:

HOLIDAY STREET BANNERS: Chairperson Decker asked what we are doing with our Christmas banners. Is there any money for new banners? Manager Wheeler reported there is not money in the budget for this. Councilperson Bair asked that Manager Wheeler contact Goodman's to see what the cost would be to get the wiring put back in place to put a couple Christmas Banners on Penn Street. Manager Wheeler will check into this.

Councilperson Isenberg reported that the banner that is in the 7th Street parking lot is ripped. Manager Wheeler will have it checked.

ADJOURNMENT

FINAL DRAFT

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