

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 7, 2016
2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman James Decker, Sr., Committee members Ron Enyeart and Nicole Houck; Councilmembers Jim Bair, Donna Isenberg, Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: See attached sign in sheet.

Chairman Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda DeArmitt gave a list of streets that need barricaded and garbage cans that she needs for the Mayfest. She stated to Council that she had someone ask about using an open fire and grate during the Mayfest. The Committee responded yes that would be ok. She also requested a different site for the dumpster. She would like to have it placed in the parking lot by the Presbyterian Church. The original site is not convenient. Councilperson Isenberg asked Linda to get a letter from the church giving permission.

Pam Grugan was present to give an update to the Committee regarding "Walk Huntingdon" on April 22nd. She reported the signs are up and bills are paid.

Judy Chambers spoke to the Committee regarding the strategic plan. It was decided to set a kick off date of Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. The Committee discussed different agencies that should be involved and assignments were given to who would be the responsible person to contact the agency to ask for a representative. Manager Wheeler suggested that we put on Face book asking for citizens of interest. Mayor Brown stated that the volunteers should be Borough residents. Councilperson Houck stated if we limit to borough residents we are selling our self's short. Jennifer Clark offered to be on the committee.

Ryan Gibboney was present to make Council aware of what Reinvisions is all about. The first project is a clean-up day. Another project is a kayak launch up behind Laney's. They are also working on a community food garden. Pam Grugan

suggested that this could be connected with the Community Soup Kitchen. All the foods would then be donated back to the Community.

GRANT ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT STATUS & REPORT: Manager Wheeler reported that nothing has changed. We are still waiting for an answer regarding the lost 2004 Individual Surveys. Maureen reminded Council of the 2016 CD & H Practitioners Conference and stated that someone should attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown did not have a report at this time.

OPEN ISSUES:

UPDATE ON LANDLORD RENTAL FORMS/ORDINANCE: Melody reported that she is still entering the information on the spread sheet.

14TH STREET SHEETZ STATUS: Manager Wheeler reported that Sheetz plans to shut down the store beginning May 2nd and open back up late August 2016.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-STORM WATER CONTROL MEETING-STATUS: Manager Wheeler stated that Council has approved the preliminary plans for Winton Hill.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLD SPRINGS MOORE STREET PROJECT: Manager Wheeler reported that there is a meeting scheduled with PennDOT to formalize everything.

BOROUGH PHONE SERVICE: Manager Wheeler reported that he had a meeting with Seth, Melody, and Chief Brenneman to review the new phone system. He expects the Borough portion to be completed by the end of April.

YARD SALE ORDINANCE: Chairperson Decker reported that he and Councilperson Isenberg worked on some changes to the Yard Sale Ordinance. Councilperson Houck stated that she did not feel we should put a frequency on how often someone can have a yard sale. She also does not feel we should charge for a permit. The Committee will have Solicitor Wilson review the yard sale ordinance.

ZONING ORDINANCE: This was tabled.

CREATE FORWARD PLAN FOR LED LIGHTING: Manager Wheeler reported that we are looking at 13 lights from 8th to 2nd Streets on Church Street.

Manager Wheeler stated that Council will need to decide what wattage they intend to use. He will email the information out to Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

FACT FINDING SESSION ON APRIL 21ST: Chairperson Decker stated that the “Fact finding” session for this month is still open.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Councilperson Houck asked that her personal address be removed from the website. Councilperson Isenberg asked if we need to set a policy on what gets put on page. Councilperson Bair stated we need to establish an Administrator. Councilperson Decker stated that Manager Wheeler and Melody should do the administration of the website.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: Discussed earlier.

Mayor Brown stated that Boomtown has 5 events planned. They are working on economic development in the borough and beautification of the borough.

ADJOURNMENT:

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary