

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Mayor Dee Dee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

VISITORS: See attached sign-in sheet.

Chairperson Decker called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Foster and Andy Socie, Huntingdon Area School District, were present to speak to the Committee regarding some consideration for the possibility of painting some lines to establish parking spaces for the students. The School District would provide the materials and the paint. We would not do anything in front of anyone's house that they are not agreeing to. We are looking at the area of Cassidy Avenue between 24th and 25th. Mr. Foster will send a revised letter to Manager Wheeler. Council saw no problem with permitting the School Districts request.

Councilperson Isenberg asked if the track was going to be completed by spring. Mr. Foster responded that they are scheduled to be complete the 3rd week in September.

Mayor Brown arrived 2:59 pm

Chairperson Decker gave an update on the Strategic Planning Committee. They went to the Reinvision meeting to help get surveys out. They received about 20 more complete surveys which takes the total up to around 300. One suggestion that came out in the surveys is that people really want a bike route and bike racks. The next Strategic Planning meeting will be September 27th at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported that September 11th from 3:00-4:00 pm is the 911 celebration at the Smithfield Fire Hall. She asked that Councilmembers plan to attend.

The Boomtown meetings have been changed from the 1st Monday to the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

She reported that the Wine-Down Weekend was a huge success. They had over 500 people participating. Chairperson Decker asked that the Borough write Jana Weaver a letter commending her. Mayor Brown will write a letter to the Committee.

OPEN ISSUES:

JUNIATA COLLEGE-CAMPUS STORMWATER PLAN

MEETING: Manager Wheeler reported that it is going well.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-WINTON HILL PROJECT: Manager Wheeler stated the Winton Hill Project is back on schedule and plan to have it opened by mid-October.

JUNIATA COLLEGE-COLD SPRINGS ROAD/ MOORE STREET

PROJECT: Manager Wheeler reported the project is back on. They have asked for the Borough to give them a green light for part 2. They have finished their preliminary design. We have signed off on the utility portion.

JUNIATA COLLEGE – ISMA (Arts) Building Project: Manager Wheeler will get in touch with Solicitor Wilson and Kevin Nester to see where they are with this.

WINE DOWN WEEKEND-SEPTEMBER 3rd 1:00 pm-6:00 pm STATUS:

WALKING BROCHURE STATUS AND POST OFFICE CELEBRATION

BANNERS:-There is not an update on this.

BOROUGH ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION: Manager Wheeler reported that this is in progress.

BOROUGH TOWN CLOCK-STATUS: Manager Wheeler reported that he has not heard back from the individual planning to give the price of repairs for the clock.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairperson Decker asked what the procedure is for the next step to get the Yard Sale Ordinance approved. It was passed at a regular meeting; however, Mayor Brown vetoed it. Manager Wheeler will check into it.

Councilperson Isenberg informed Council that Dubois Business College is closing on Sept. 22nd. She asked who would be obligated for the insurance for the gymnasium. The Community Center uses the Gymnasium. Dubois did not purchase the Gymnasium when they purchased the rest of the building. Manager Wheeler will look into this.

Councilperson Gradwell would like to push to get bike paths in the Borough. He thinks this is something that Council should look into.

Councilperson Gradwell asked about periodical lighting on Penn Street at the Diamond. He would like this to be looked into.

Councilperson Gradwell stated we only have one banner for Christmas. He would like to have a banner put on Penn .Street. Councilperson Bair explained that the power at that area is not turned on.

ADJOURNMENT

BY Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary