

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 1, 2018
3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairman Johnathan Hyde, Committee members Dave Quarry and Sean Steeg, President Nicole Houck, Jim Bair, Mayor David Wessels, and Borough Manager Wheeler.

VISITORS: Dean Harris, Kent East, Sr., Thomas Redmond, Ilona Ballreich, Gary O’Korn.

Chairperson Hyde called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ilona Ballreich-Penn State presentation. She is here to represent the Sustainable Community Collaborative. She presented their Annual Report. She explained the Collaborative to the Committee. There were 3 projects: 1. Engineer Project storm water run-off. 2. Compost and leaf collection 3. Human Resource Project about nepotism. Chairperson Hyde thanked Ilona for the update.

Gary O’Korn was present regarding the request for an Airbnb at his property at 2420 Moore Street. He is asking to host people with an Airbnb.

Kent East and Tom Redmond, residents of the highlands east. They are here to ask for help. The covenant expired in 2015. We have problems to worry about regarding the integrity of the project and the integrity of the storm water run-off program. We are not going to be able to institute any activities as far as the covenant goes or restrictions. Would you be willing to take over the maintenance of the roads, and the grass, etc. and institute Borough ordinances where necessary? Councilperson Steeg asked why the covenant did not continued. Mr. East stated that one document says that it was established in 1993 and will continue for 35 years. Another document stated that is was established 1977 and continue for 35 years. It takes at least a 75% vote of the home owners in that development to continue the covenant. He stated that S & A dropped the ball. We were not informed as a community that the covenant was expired. Mayor Wessels stated that he was informed at the meeting that the covenant expired in 2012. In 2015 is when the home was purchased by IFC. It wouldn’t be possible because all homes have to be single family dwelling with IFC being a business as well. What Zoning can be put into place to protect the integrity of the highlands? Also, turning over the

public spaces. Chairperson Hyde stated we will update you s we receive any information on this issue.

Beverly Green-Penelec Smart Meters:

Amber Newby-Community composting program: Could not make it to the meeting.

Joseph Scialabba-Highlands...How me home owners association.

GRANT'S ADMINISTRATOR STATUS & REPORT:

CDBG Report: Manager Wheeler updated the Committee on the Blair Field Parking lot project. The drawdowns will be completed in IDIS are not complete. We have been notified that DCED has a problem with our FY2014 reporting. He is working this.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wessels asked for approval for wall space at the entry on the side of the building to be used for art space. The art space will be rotating with ACW Studios and The Art Council. He stated that this would help strength community ties. He would like to put a nice logo on the door and mayors hours.

He reported that he received a nice thank you from Juniata College. He met with the VP of Management Gabe Welch. We are in talks of trying to find ways to broaden the student connection to downtown and to broaden the town's connection to Juniata College at events/epi-center. Also, looking at an Education dissemination to the public i.e. availability of office space, meeting space, rentals, shows, etc.

OPEN ISSUES:

MICROLOANS STATUS REPORT: Melody was not present.

RENTAL ORDINANCE/ REVISION FORM: Councilperson Steeg is reviewing this.

HUNTINGDON ELECTRIC:

REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK: Manager Wheeler reported that this is a PennDot issue until they do something with that street and widen the street and the new curb is in place.

TOWN CLOCK STATUS: Manager Wheeler reported that they are working on getting an RFP to send out.

STORMWATER RUNOFF COMMITTEE: Manager Wheeler reported that they were looking at a matching grant.

DOWNTOWN SATURDAY STREET MARKET: Chairperson Hyde stated that he has moved forward and he has received some help. They are looking at possibly using the Presbyterian Church parking lot.

JR. COUNCIL PERSON: President Houck was unable to get responses from any of the students on the list. She spoke with the Director of Student Activities at Juniata College. They talked about having it fall under the responsibilities of the Student Government Executive Board.

President Houck stated she found a student that could intern for Manager Wheeler. She has experience in interning.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL UPDATE: February 7th is Coffee with Council. He asks if anyone has any suggestions for locations.

COFFEE WITH COP: Mayor Wessels announced that the next Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for March 8th Standing Stone Coffee House.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Wheeler reported that he did not send a letter out to Ron Baron yet. He wanted to make sure that the wording that I sent to Council to review is appropriate. Chairperson Hyde stated that he wanted Mr. Baron to be aware that he is not being treated any different than any other business.

Chairperson Hyde reported that they met with George Drobnock. Mr. Drobnock appeared to be very interested in coming back. Mr. Drobnock asked for staff. He also asked for his files to be moved out of the basement.

ADJOURNMENT

BY Melody J. Parsons
Borough Secretary