

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CAMP HILL

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2002

2145 WALNUT STREET, PROSSER HALL

CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

Council President Rathbun called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were:

Christine Rathbun Deborah Keys

Richard A. McBride Jeffrey F. Smith

R. Burke McLemore James J. Ramsey

Also present were Douglas Morrow, Mayor; Edward J. Knittel, Borough Manager; Tim Maro, Assistant Borough Manager; G. Jan Ammons, Police Chief; Donn L. Snyder, Solicitor; Dylan P. Dayton, Assistant Solicitor; and Maronetta F. Miller, Recorder.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2002 were presented. Upon motion of Mrs. Keys, seconded by Mr. McBride, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2002 were presented. Upon motion of Mr. McBride, seconded by Mrs. Keys, the minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morrow reviewed the monthly activities and distributed his report as well as the police report. The Mayor thanked the Council and the Committee for their efforts in participating in "America in Bloom." On August 15th at 10:30, Mayor Harwick, the Mayor of Newport, and Mayor Morrow will be doing a commercial in Willow Park for the Chamber of Commerce to help downtown revitalization.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager reviewed current projects and presented his monthly report, which is made part

of the minutes. The Assistant Borough Manager's report was also presented and is made part of the minutes. Borough Manager announced there is now a complete record of the burials in the Camp Hill Cemetery and the book is on sale for \$5.00. Cumberland County Genealogy Society did the work and on behalf of the community they were thanked.

VISITORS

Harold Ryder, 129 North 24th Street, asked questions about parking on Sunday mornings near the Episcopal Church.

Thomas Deckert addressed his questions about Camp Hill Lions Club storage facilities.

Liesl Beckley, member of Camp Hill Banner Committee, stated that the Committee would like to purchase lighted snowflake banners to be hung on some of the light poles in the Borough. The sockets will cost \$210 per pole and \$250 per banner. She said the Committee can pay for twelve banners. The Committee is seeking help from Council. The Committee wants the Borough to pay for the cost of the lights during the time the banners are up. President Rathbun asked the Assistant Manager and Mr. Ramsey to get together to discuss and make a recommendation to Council. The Borough Manager said that if it is hoped to be completed this year, time is of the essence as PPL needs to be contacted. The Assistant Borough Manager stated that there would be a one time charge from PPL of approximately \$210 and estimates the cost of lighting to be minimal. Mr. Smith moved to permit CHBC to install holiday lights and the Borough to absorb the cost of the electric with the selection of the poles to be approved by the Borough Manager or Assistant Borough Manager. The Committee was encouraged to keep the banners within the commercial area. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLemore and unanimously approved.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

In the absence of Mr. Forrey, Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly report that is made part of the minutes. Notice from York Waste was received regarding an unspecified increase in rates for collection. The Borough Manager stated that York Waste is proposing a rate increase "effective immediately" and it was noted that our contract does not permit such an increase. York Waste states House Bill 2044 as reason for the increase. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the House Bill and suggested we find out how much of an increase York is proposing before any action be taken. The Borough staff estimates that under HB 2044, the cost should be approximately a \$4.00 per year, per household increase. The Borough Manager was directed to contact York Waste and report back to Council. The Engineer's report regarding the sewer system was distributed to Council.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. McLemore announced the photo award winners: First Place to Pat Lambert Marshall; Second Place to Thomas Decker; and Third Place to Ray Scott. Honorable Mention goes to Sylvia Kreidler and Ines

Spangenberg. They each received a certificate and congratulations from Borough Council. Al Holliday was thanked for his efforts in organizing the contest.

Mr. McLemore moved to approve the appointment of Ann Fruth and Ann Hoffman to the Shade Tree Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved.

Mr. McLemore reviewed correspondence relating to a proposal of the Cumberland County Planning Commission and Economic Development I-81 Study. It was announced that there was an informal meeting on July 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Cumberland County Court House. One of the off-shoots of this is changes to the municipal planning code. Mr. McLemore recommends Council endorse the performance of the study to encourage PennDOT to approve the grant and perform the study. Council has been asked to participate in the planning and it does not commit the Borough to any expenditures. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBride. The motion was carried with Mr. Smith opposing.

The scheduled meetings for the 2003 budget was distributed.

The matter relating to a storage facility at Fiala Field was referred to the Parks and Recreation and General Government Committees. Mayor Morrow recommends tearing down the building currently there and building a facility for all three clubs to utilize.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. McBride distributed copies of the monthly Police and Fire Reports that are made part of the minutes. Fire Chief Kozicki reported that the fire company sold a rescue squad and the Borough received a \$1,100 rebate on insurance as a result. The Chief stated that the department is continuing to downsize where possible.

National Night Out was held August 6, 2002. Chief Ammons reported there were approximately 400 to 450 participants.

Mr. McBride presented a request for a stop sign at the intersection of Chestnut and 29th Streets. A traffic study was performed for six days and it does not meet the criteria necessary to install a stop sign and therefore the Committee does not recommend the installation of a stop sign. Mr. McBride stated that the individual who made the request would be so notified.

The Borough received an invitation from Carlisle Borough to attend a seminar entitled "Your Volunteer Fire Company" to be held August 21st.

Proposed limited parking on west side of North 24th Street on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon was discussed. The Borough Manager reported letters were mailed to residents July 31st in the area that would be affected by the proposal. One verbal and four written replies were received. No one has come

into the Borough or called opposing the proposal which if approved would provide for approximately 26 spaces. Chief Ammons stated that consideration be given to area on Walnut and Market to designate a no parking zone on North 24th from the walking bridge to market and then a limited parking zone on N. 24th from Walnut to Lincoln. Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, made the motion as suggested and it passed unanimously.

McBride received a petition from a resident requesting "one-way do not enter" signs to be placed on South 26th and Chestnut Streets. Mr. McBride recommends installation of the signs. Secondly, he received a letter from resident of South 24th Street between Yale and Harvard requesting installation of lime green strips around the stop sign. Mr. McBride recommends placing the strips around all the stop signs around the schools. Chief Ammons suggested first putting them in the designated walking routes, then other locations around the schools and high pedestrian traffic. Chief Ammons also recommends putting watch children signs between Yale and Hoover School and he would ask residents if the signs could be placed in their yards. President Rathbun requested Chief Ammons and Mr. Maro to confer on the sign placement.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Smith distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. Mr. Smith requested Council review the Siebert Park National Resource Site Inventory. Skelly & Loy has agreed to walk through the park and get back to him with any comments, suggestions for walk throughs. After the report is finalized, Mr. McLemore requested two copies be mailed to the middle school and sixth grade out-door education program.

Mr. Smith deferred to the Borough Manager in connection with Goddard Trail. The Borough Manager stated it is intended to move to Goddard Trail into Willow Park. The Episcopal Church has offered \$5,000 and a resident has offered \$1,000 plus what is budgeted, for a total of \$16,000 to move the trail. The Borough Manager believes the project can be done in-house, but must be started in September and would be done in two phases. Mr. Smith moved to authorize the installation of the walking Goddard Trail through Willow Park. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBride. Mr. McLemore suggested putting in sidewalks instead of trail inside the park which would reduce the green area. Mr. Smith modified the motion to install the first part of the trail from Market to Walnut. The modification was seconded and unanimously approved. Staff is to check into colors after the first year and cost involved in tinting/painting the trail to make it less conspicuous.

The Borough Manager gave an update on the bathroom facilities in Fiala Field, noting that the building is to be delivered August 26th.

A letter addressed to Mayor Morrow concerning the pool being closed Friday night, Saturday and Sunday for the swim team meet was discussed. The Borough Manager confirmed that Saturday's meet delayed the opening of pool but it did open, Sunday it was closed all day to membership but it did bring in over \$1,000 for the swim team; Mr. Ramsey noted that the second day closing of the pool only

happens every other year. Mrs. Keys recommends that when memberships are sold they be told when the pool will be closed and the pool should not be closed Friday night. It was recommended that the swim team get in early in the morning. Mr. McLemore suggested that if it is always Hampden and Camp Hill, perhaps some arrangement could be made with Hampden Township to permit Camp Hill pool members to use their pool when the Camp Hill pool is closed. The matter was referred to Parks and Recreation for policy recommendations, and a response to the resident who wrote the letter.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. Keys distributed copies of the monthly report which is made part of the minutes. It was announced there will be a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting August 20th at 7:00 p.m. and a long range planning meeting for COG on September 21st. Workshop for Zoning Ordinance is proposed for September 18th and a reminder will be sent to Council Members.

Mr. David Reager presented a proposed zoning change amending R-2B on behalf of Rhoads Development Group. Mr. Reager asked that it be referred to the Planning Commission and begin the process of amending the zoning ordinance. The proposed zoning change would permit an eight story (105 feet in height) building with 96 living units. Mr. McBride noted that the Camp Hill Fire Department does not have fire apparatus to reach 105 feet; the maximum it can reach now is 85 feet. The Fire Chief asked that the Fire Department be consulted on fire safety aspects of the building. The Borough Manager noted that there would be hearings if Council approves the recommendation to change the zoning and all comments would be welcomed at that time.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Ramsey distributed copies of the monthly report, which is made part of the minutes. He thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts for the swim meet in getting bleachers, etc. It was announced that the items sold at WSCOG auction generated a little over \$5,000 to the Borough. Mr. Ramsey noted that the yard waste site will be closed on weekends and that the Borough is looking for volunteers to man the site during the weekends.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss legal matters at 9:25 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 10:00 p.m.

VOUCHERS

Upon motion of Mr. McLemore seconded by Mr. Ramsey, vouchers totaling \$93,761.81 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rathbun announced that the September meeting will be September 12th, to allow attendance at September 11th memorial services.

Commerce Bank requested more signage and a hearing is scheduled for August 15th. Council directed the Assistant Borough Solicitor to attend hearing and represent the Borough in opposition to the sign application.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

EDWARD J. KNITTEL, SECRETARY