

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings were held on March 24, 2014 in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by President Stevens at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

| <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> | <u>VISITORS</u>              |
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| Daniel Stevens |               | Carol Gildner Sharon Stanley |
| Jon Rinker     |               | Melvin Gildner Paul Gass     |
| David Schnaars |               | Kris Burek Jay Poplowski     |
| Gwyneth Neff   |               | Tyler Peters Russell Hallman |
|                |               | George Moyer Robert Stettner |

Councilor Schnaars took a moment to remember our friend Bill Stein.

VISITORS-

Paul Gass, 534 Diamond Street- said he is representing the Northern Lehigh Community Center. He said they were approached by a few residents asking to start a skate park in the Borough. He said they are very interested and there is a grant available for the layout plans and to start the ground work. He said that he is at the meeting tonight to support them. Vice President Neff said that she will look into the grant because she would like to help them in anyway. She said there was interest many years ago, but then there as time went on there was a lack of interest.

Tyler Peters, 650 W. Washington Street- spoke to the Committee about the interest in the skate park. Said the ideal location for the skate park would be Walnut Street Playground. He said we really don't need a grant or money we just want a place to ride at our own risk. He said it seems everywhere we go we get kicked out, and we just want somewhere to go where we won't get in trouble, and have fun and be safe. He asked if the borough hung a sign that states: "ride at your own risk" would that work? Vice President Neff said no; we would need to have a liability policy in effect. Councilor Schnaars noted that they would have to run this by Walnut Street Playground Association because that is who leases the property from the Borough. Councilor Schnaars also added that Mr. Peters should bring his plans to a Parks and Recreation Meeting.

Robert Stettner, 44 South Walnut Street- noted that when the Borough crew went to turn the water on at the refreshment stand, there is a leak somewhere. He said he is hoping to get assistance from the crew to repair it. He said he is hoping to have it repaired by mid spring. Mr. Stettner said that the playground association purchased 2 more cameras which were installed today. This gives about 85-90% coverage of all the playground. He also noted that they are fed directly into the police department for 24 hour coverage.

Russell Hallman, 405 E. Washington Street- He said he was asked again by Walnutport to see if it was possible to use the West End Playground for T-Ball. He said that it is the same criteria as last year. Councilor Schnaars and Robert Stettner said that it was ok for them to use it as long as it is the same as last year.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Gwyneth Neff, David Schnaars

1. Replace MDT's in three of the four police cars- Councilor Rinker stated that this needs to be placed to the agenda for the next Council Meeting. He said Microsoft XP will no

longer be supported in our system. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

2. Donation to Peaceable Kingdom- Councilor Rinker noted that if we have small non-violent dogs they will take them. They recently took a small dog for us. He would like to recommend that we give them a donation of \$50.00. The Committee is requesting for this to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Public Safety Committee Meeting was adjourned.

### **FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING**

Gwyneth Neff – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Jon Rinker

Vice President Neff said that she doesn't have anything at this time.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned.

### **HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Gwyneth Neff, Jon Rinker

1. Councilor Schnaars would like to recommend placing the repair of the water line at the playground on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.
2. Donation to the NL-After Graduation Party- Councilor Schnaars noted that the Northern Lehigh School District is looking for a donation to help benefit the After Graduation Party. Councilor Schnaars said he would like to recommend that we do not get involved with this donation.

Councilor Schnaars noted that we have 2 spots that need to be filled on the parks and recreation commission.

There were no questions from the committee members; the Human Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned.

### **SLATINGTON SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

David Schnaars – Chairman; Members: Gwyneth Neff, Jon Rinker

1. Update- Councilor Rinker said that everything seems to be coming together very nicely. He said that there are some fundraisers coming up. He said that there is a breakfast coming up on Saturday, March 29 at Emerald Fire Company to help support the celebration. He also noted that the store is still open. He also noted that we have Slatington News Reproductions available for sale at the store for \$1.00 each.

There were no further questions from the committee members, other Council and the Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Chairman Schnaars made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary