

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Public Safety, Finance/Planning/Zoning, and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **March 28, 2016** in Council Room, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Wechsler at 6:35PM with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Joseph Wechsler
Jon Rinker
Michael Brogan

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Gwyneth Jones
Duane Dellecker
Tom Anewalt, Esq.

VISITORS

Robert Stettner
David Altrichter
Tony Gnas
Russell Hallman (Did not sign in)
Bruce Kern (Did not sign in)
Ron Hausman (Did not sign in)

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Joseph Wechsler – Chairman; Members: Michael Brogan, Jon Rinker

1. Parking Regulations – Information was received from the Engineer suggesting that a change in the zoning ordinance regarding the size of off-street parking spaces would allow for additional parking in the new W. Church Street parking lot being created. After discussing the matter, the Committee recommended leaving the zoning regulations as they stand.
2. Handicap Ramp Project – Vigilant – The Office Manager reported that two (2) quotes were received for the handicap ramp project at the Vigilant. Hot Shot Cleaning submitted the low quote of \$9,151 to prepare, prime & finish the exposed steel structure and treat all sidewalk expansion & isolation joints of the handicap ramp. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jon Rinker-Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Michael Brogan

1. Police Station Modifications – We are waiting for additional quotes on this matter. Councilor Rinker requested this item be tabled.
2. Fire Station Entry Doors – Ron Hausman appeared before the committee to discuss the entry doors at the fire station. Advanced Custom Interiors submitted a quote to replace two (2) commercial grade steel entry doors & install a 20” x 40” awning at a cost of \$2,654.45 each. He requested the door at the flagpole be replaced this year and the other door next year. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.
3. Fire Station Fire Protection – Ron Hausman also presented information from Blue Ridge Digital Home Security for installing fire/CO protection at the Fire Company for a cost of \$2,800 plus monitoring at \$15.41 per month. The Committee was concerned over the cost and favored purchasing and installing a Wi-Fi smoke/CO detection system on our own.

Councilor Wechsler will look into this matter further.

4. Honoring Ted Kistler – Councilor Rinker informed the committee on an idea that has been circulating to name the police station in honor of retired Police Chief Ted Kistler. Serving Slatington from 1968-1998; he was the longest serving chief in Lehigh County. If Council agrees, a slate plaque will be donated and installed on the outside of the police station. The Committee asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.

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

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Michael Brogan – Chairman; Members: Joseph Wechsler, Jon Rinker

1. Parks & Recreation Commission – Structure – Robert Stettner appeared before the committee to discuss a proposal to restructure the Parks & Recreation Commission. Currently, the Borough is responsible to appoint four (4) members and the School District appoints one (1) member of the Borough. The committee discussed changes to require Borough Council make all appointments to the commission and allow up to two (2) members to be from the NLSD area. The Committee asked for the Office Manager to work on a draft Ordinance and asked for this item to be placed on the next Council agenda.
2. Veteran’s Memorial Proposal – David Altrichter & Tony Gnas appeared before the committee to discuss creating a veterans memorial at Memorial Park. Mr. Altrichter handed out packets of information and explained the proposal. The Committee was in favor of allowing the memorial to be constructed at Memorial Park, subject to final design approval by Council, and asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.
3. Main Street Trees – Councilor Brogan reviewed the street tree inventory prepared last fall. Eleven trees need to be replaced or planted; others need trimming. Josh’s Nursery & Landscaping submitted a quote in the amount of \$3,850 for this work which was budgeted. The committee supported improving the Main Street Trees and asked for this item to be placed on the next Council Meeting agenda.

On a related matter, the committee asked for a work order to instruct the road crew to remove any stumps and clean the grate areas of all trees along Main Street. The Office Manager was directed to contact Josh’s Nursery for suggested landscaping for around the street trees. (The landscaper suggested mushroom soil and mulch.)

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

Being no further business, Councilor Rinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 P.M.

Karen Gill
Assistant Borough Secretary