

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The **Finance Planning/Zoning, Public Safety and Human/Community Services Committee Workshop Meetings** were held on **February 25, 2019** 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>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Daniel Stevens			Joseph Wechsler
Jason Ruff			Jason Check
David Schnaars			Connie Check
Thomas Bartholomew			

PUBLIC COMMENT : None

The committee meeting agenda was not followed in order due to visitors needing to speak early.

HUMAN/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Jason Ruff – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Thomas Bartholomew

1. Committee Member Discussion

- a. The committee discussed the request from Tiffany Rehrig, dated 2/19/19, for the 2019 Halloween Parade. The committee agreed to put this on the regular council meeting agenda for approval.
- b. Councilor Ruff suggested that we change the Home Page change for Slatington.org website. He requested the borough take some of the Slatington Borough Wikipedia information, but keep the historic information and the Victorian house. President Stevens suggested we add more photos, i.e., covered bridge, Trailhead, other Victorian homes. Councilor Ruff will review the information for the website.
- c. Thank you letter from Lisa Herzog from the Springside Sportsmen Club Inc. Informational only
- d. Jason Check, Life Scout in Troop 58, present to the committee his idea to install two or three GaGa pits in Victory Park and any other park in the borough, to obtain his Eagle Scout rank. Jason Check explained GaGa pits to the committee. He would like to bring this sport to the community. The dimensions are 20 feet. by 20 feet., height is 36 inches, the floor is usually gravel, some of them are sand. The cost for the kit is approximately \$500.00 each, but Jason would just purchase the necessary supplies and build it. Councilor Ruff feels something like this would be a benefit to the community. The issues he is concerned about is the where would the equipment be housed, vandalism, and that it be made to last. Councilor Ruff is not in favor of having it built at Victory Park. He did suggest other parks such as Westend

Park. Councilor Ruff and Jason will discuss with Mike Kukitz the possibility of using Westend Park.

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

FINANCE/PLANNING/ZONING

Thomas Bartholomew – Chairman; Members: David Schnaars, Jason Ruff

1. Committee Member Discussion:

- a. The committee is waiting for updated information from Duane Dellecker to discuss the proposed fee schedule for 2019 for Zoning. This to be placed on the next committee agenda.
- b. The committee discussed the existing Blue Ridge Communications' franchise agreement that expired on December 12, 2018. This agreement was a 15-year agreement. The new agreement continues under the existing terms. However, Blue Ridge would like to formalize a new contract. The committee feels this is just for cable, not high-speed internet. Councilor Bartholomew suggested we have the solicitor review this agreement, Article 971, and ordinance. However, President Stevens is not in favor of raising the cable costs for the residents.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

David Schnaars-Chairman; Members: Thomas Bartholomew, Jason Ruff

1. Committee Member Discussion

- a. The committee discussed the vacancy on the police pension fund. This vacancy must be filled by a resident of Slatington who is not on the council, or a member of the police force.

Councilor Schnaars informed the committee of the condition of the fire station side doors. He said they really do need to be replaced. He suggested that we replace one a year. Councilor Wechsler inquired as to why these steel doors get rusted. Councilor Schnaars will obtain estimates for the doors.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

Councilor Schnaars made a motion, duly seconded by, Councilor Bartholomew to adjourn. Being no further business, President Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Colleen Bresnak
Assistant Borough Secretary