

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Community Development Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on October 20, 2014

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Community Development Committee of Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at Lemoyne Borough Hall, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. Chairwoman Brenda Candioto called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present were Stacy Gromlich and Donna Hope. Rebecca Yearick, Downtown Coordinator was present. Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager, was also present.

3. Public Comment

Shirley Stark inquired if a decision was made by Council regarding the maintenance of the flower pots on Market Street. Ms. Gromlich reported that Council decided to make this a priority for the Maintenance Department staff. Mr. Ihlein reported that staff will do their best to make sure the flowers do not die.

4. Review of the Minutes from the last meeting

Mr. Ihlein reported that the minutes of the August 18th meeting were not ready, but they would be in one week. Ms. Gromlich made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15th meeting. Mrs. Candioto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Subcommittee and Other Reports:

- a. Design Subcommittee – Ms. Yenchko spoke with Judy McAllister to see if more donations have been raised for lighted decorations. Ms. McAllister has not had the time to do more fundraising.
- b. Beautification
Ongoing & Possible Projects – Watering the flower pots on Market Street will be a priority for Borough staff.
- c. Lemoyne Business Association
Gale Gallo came to the meeting late and had no report.
- d. Downtown Services Coordinator
Ms. Yearick submitted her written report which is attached to these minutes.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Phase 2 of the Market Street Streetscape Improvements
Ms. Gromlich reviewed the status of the ribbon cutting event on October 28th. It

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is scheduled to start at 6:00 pm. Mr. Ihlein reported he took care of contacting the property owner at 717 Market Street. Ms. Gromlich reviewed the list of dignitaries and people who responded they would be attending. Shirley Stark will be setting up a display about the rain gardens. Mrs. Candioto had asked Mayor York to see if she knows someone who could provide music, but was not sure if this was going to happen. Ms. Gromlich will take care of contacting the media.

b. Hess Project – Plan to finish/move clock

Ms. Yenchko reported that she has been in contact with a representative of the Hess Corporation about some possibilities. All of the Hess properties have been sold and are being transferred to the Speedwell Company. Many of the Hess employees will be working for them. It will take some time to work this out.

c. Bus Shelters on Market Street

No action on this item. However, Ms. Yenchko reported she had attended a PSAB Leadership Workshop and saw a presentation by the Borough of Monaca. They are located in Beaver County and are doing a great number of things to become a sustainable community. Green roofs are one of the items that they are exploring. The green roofs on the proposed bus stop shelters would be another step in that direction for Lemoyne.

d. Lemoyne Foundation

The reception was held on October 12th. See report from Ms. Yearick.

e. "Connections" Study – CVRR Bridge

Mr. Ihlein reported he received an email from PennDOT announcing they are working on having a meeting of a stakeholders group. The Committee agreed that the Borough should be represented, and Mr. Ihlein said he would attend if possible. Ms. Yenchko and Ms. Yearick said they would also like to be informed of the meeting when it is announced.

f. Welcome Kits for both new residents and businesses

No report from Mayor York on this.

g. Community Event Updates

No report.

h. Strategic Plan Priority #2: Create a plan for use of social media to communicate with Constituents - 2 yrs

The new web site, Code Red, and Face Book will all be utilized for this.

i. Strategic Plan Priority #3: Create a long term plan for the care of the rain gardens and planters - 3 yrs

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The grant application submitted to PADCED would provide rebuilding the gardens and funds for maintenance for several years.

- j. Strategic Plan Priority #4: Create a plan for a "signature event" for the borough - 3 yrs

Ms. Gromlich reported that the "Piggy in the Park" event held by the West Shore Bureau of Fire had a small number of people attend. The Bureau is not sure if they will try to do it again next year.

- k. # Strategic Plan Priority #5: Work with other Municipalities on shared opportunities - 3 yrs
No report.

- l. Strategic Plan Priority #6: Plan for a new downtown growth center with parking 3 yrs
No report.

7. New Business

- a. Information was shared on the "Homes Within Reach Conference" being held on November 17-19, 2013 at the Harrisburg Hilton.
- b. Mr. Ihlein shared an email from Mr. Bill Weigle. He knows someone that has a plaque from the dedication from the Middle School and wanted to know if the Borough would be interested in displaying it in Borough Hall. The Committee did not want the Borough to be responsible for the plaque and suggested that he contact the Gateway Historical Society.

8. Announcements

The next meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business Mrs. Candioto adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robert Ihlein; approved by the Committee on 12/15/2014 with two word changes in paragraph 6.a.