

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Parks & Recreation/Community Development Committee

Minutes for the Meeting Held on December 19, 2016 at 6:00PM

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Community Development, Parks & Recreation Committee of Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at Borough Hall, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. Chairperson Donna Hope called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present were Bob Huggler and Dan Green. Staff present was Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager. Mayor Gallo was also present.

3. Public Comments

Mayor Gallo reported that a few constituents have heard about the construction of the new firehouse on Herman Avenue next to Borough Hall. This means the loss of a small neighborhood playground and open space. She asked the Committee to think about other options for the children in this part of town.

4. Review of the minutes from the previous meeting

Mr. Huggler made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 17th meeting as written. Mr. Green seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. It is noted that there was no meeting in November.

5. Subcommittee and Other Reports

A. Report from Design Sub-committee – Mural project status - Sue Yenchko

Ms. Yenchko was not present, but sent an update via email. Mr. Green reported that he was able to create a painting schedule that followers could sign up for through Facebook. He will continue to do so, but he must get the schedule from Daniel Finch first so the available dates and times are known.

B. Report from the Lemoyne Business Association – Gale Gallo

Mayor Gallo reported that she has been contacted by the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra about the concert in Negley Park in July 2017. The best date for them would be July 1st. This would be the 10th year for the concert, but the LBA has not committed to promoting the event as of this time.

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- C. Report from Downtown Program Services Manager/Communications Manager – Rebecca Yearick

Ms. Yearick gave a verbal report and submitted a written handout for review by the Committee. She reported that as the result of new legislation there are now entrepreneurs looking for places in the county where it would be possible to establish medical marijuana dispensaries and growing operations. This is something that the borough should think about planning for in the zoning ordinance.

7. New Business

- A. Redevelopment of the Middle School property

Ms. Yearick reported there is continued interest in the property by William R. Grace, who has developed properties and owns commercial properties in the borough. He may be interested in keeping the school auditorium wing and convert it into a performing arts center. No specific plans have been presented yet.

- B. Other Community Improvement or Economic Development Opportunities

Ms. Yearick introduced Timothy Whelan, the new Executive Director of the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority. He reported that new businesses promoting food, drink and entertainment are prevalent in the county right now. The Middle School property might be a good fit for this. He is looking forward to working with Lemoyne to help in any way he can.

8. Announcements

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2017 at 6:00PM

9. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, Mrs. Hope adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager/Secretary.