



**Borough of Lansdale  
Public Safety Committee  
Minutes**

**February 3, 2016**

**8:00 pm**

**Lansdale Borough Hall; Room 201 A**

**1 Vine Street, Lansdale PA 19446**

**Chairperson: Tom Work**

**Names of Members Present:**

*Mr. Jack Hansen, Councilman*

*Mary Fuller, Councilwoman*

*Chief Robert McDyre*

*Mayor Andrew Szekely*

Chairman Tom Work was absent

**Names of all citizens who officially appeared before Committee:**

Mr. Michael Bish Rieg

Mr. Ray Liberto

**I. Old Business:**

**A. Approval of November 4, 2015 Public Safety Meeting Minutes**

The Committee voted 2-0 to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2015 Public Safety Meeting. (no meeting was held in December 2015 or January 2016)

**B. Appeal of Handicapped Parking Request 174 E Second Street**

The homeowner of 174 E. Second Street appealed the committee's prior denial for a handicapped parking sign in front of their residence. Chief McDyre met with the homeowners, and found that the spot should be approved due to the advanced medical condition of the homeowner.

*The committee voted 2 to 0 to approve the request.*

**C. Civil Service regulation changes**

Chief McDyre advised the committee that both the Sergeants testing and Lieutenants testing is moving along. He also advised that our Solicitor has rewritten three sections of our Civil Service Code to correctly reflect the changes made in our prior Ordinances dealing with creating the position of Lieutenant, along with the steps weighting of the Sergeants and Lieutenants exam.

*The committee voted 2 to 0 for a motion prepare and advertise to reflect the changes and accept the proposed new language of the Civil Service Code; Chapter 7, Subchapters, 7-4, 7-5 & 7-6.*

## II. New Business:

### A. Hero Walk Saturday May 28, 2016 \*

Mike Bish Rieg appeared before the committee and requested to hold the annual Hero's walk to take place on Saturday, May 28, 2016, to beginning at 10:15 AM. The route will start and ending at Trinity Lutheran Church.

*The committee voted 2 to 0 to approve the request.*

### B. Lansdale Day Saturday June 4, 2016 \*

Chief McDyre received a letter from the North Penn Rotary requesting to hold the Annual Lansdale Day on Saturday June 4, 2016. The closure of West Main Street from Broad Street to Cannon Ave is required from 5:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The event run from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM.

Ray Liberto addressed the committee and requested that the Rotary consider providing tables and better access for the Main Street Merchant's to better participate and conduct business that day.

*The committee voted 2 to 0 to approve the request.*

### C. Parking restrictions E. Fourth Street at Williamson Court \*

A resident of Williamson Place requested the Borough review the line of sight for vehicles exiting Williamson Court and the parallel Alley onto E. Fourth Street. The resident reported that cars frequently park up to the edge of the street and the alley creating a safety hazard and a line of sight issue. Upon checking the location, Chief McDyre found that the roads are HOA (Homeowners Association) or private streets and would be considered driveways by the PA Vehicle Code. Therefore, police cannot enforce the traditional 20-foot parking restrictions which apply for intersections. Earl Armitage, the Borough's traffic engineer conducted a study and recommended restricting parking on the North side of E. Fourth Street from the intersection of Line Street, eastward to an additional 100-feet past the eastern curb of Williamson Court's HOA street.

*The Committee voted 2 to 0 to accept the traffic engineer's recommendation.*

### D. 4-way stop sign request at E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and North Line Street \*

The Borough received a request, via email on the Borough's website, that the Borough remove the traffic signal at Line and E. Seventh Street and replace it with a 4-Way stop sign.

Based on prior studies and traffic recommendations, Chief McDyre recommend that we leave the existing signal in place.

*The committee vote 2 to 0 to deny the request.*

### E. Traffic concerns resulting from 9<sup>th</sup> Street Septa Station opening

The Chief advised the committee that he will conduct speed surveys and car counts once the snow clears and report back to the committee his findings addressing recent residents' concerns of increased traffic and speeding in and around the Ninth Street train station. .

## **F. Capital Budget discussion**

The Chief provided the committee a list and overview of the Department's long term capital needs.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will take place on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

cc: Public Safety Committee  
Mayor Andrew Szekely  
Pat Chapman, Records  
Jacob Ziegler, Borough Manager  
Sergeant Alex Kromdyk

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