



**LANSDALE PARKING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2016**

A meeting of the Lansdale Parking Authority was held at the Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale on the above date at 7:12 pm.

Those Authority members present were:

Daniel P. Dunigan
John Chirico
Todd Brown

Authority members absent:

John Siegler, Jr.
Tom Work

The meeting was duly advertised and public notice was given pursuant to Pennsylvania law.

Also present were:

M. Joseph Clement, Authority Solicitor
Jake Ziegler, Borough Manager
John Ernst, Assistant Borough Manager

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting at 6:30pm regarding a real estate matter. No action will be taken this evening.

Public Comments:

Charles owner of Wilson's Hardware – He commented that with the SEPTA parking garage going on and with the contractors using space in the Madison Lot it is even more difficult for customers to park and come in to his store. Then to top it off the Madison Lot will be developed.

He has also noticed that people are parking in shorter term spaces and not moving their cars. He has called the police and they have been ticketing cars and it is making a difference. He knows that the cosmetology school and Yanni's are losing business. What will happen with parking when Stove and Tap opens in a few weeks? There really won't be any parking with all of their employees and customers.

Why can't the Madison Lot just remain a parking lot? Developing it will really affect his business in a negative way.

Mr. Dunigan – The construction for the parking garage is going to be a problem for several more months. Some parking issues will be relieved when the garage opens. Any development that will

happen on the Madison Lot will require more public parking than there is now. They are also looking to remove all the red, all day meters, and switch to shorter term parking to help open more spots. We are trying to dissuade commuters from parking there.

Mr. Burnell, President of Borough Council commented that there will be an agenda item on Council's agenda to the change parking in the Vine Street Lot to fifty cents for six hours.

Mr. Ziegler – He and Chief McDyre have been working with the owners of the cosmetology school regarding parking.

Charles – His employees don't have a place to park either and they get to work at 7:00am.

Mr. Ziegler – There are a number of spaces in the Vine Street Lot that can be utilized. Those spaces are not designated for anyone specifically.

Motions:

Motion A:

Mr. Chirico presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority approve the following meeting minutes: February 10, 2016.

Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and approved 3:0

Motion B:

Mr. Chirico presented Motion B and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority authorize payment for the following invoices: Borough of Lansdale \$3,500 – Administrative Support (1/1/2016 thru 1/31/2016); Wisler Pearlstine \$1,636.50 – (1/1/2016 thru 1/31/2016); Delta Development \$967.50 – (1/1/2016 thru 1/31/2016).

Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and approved 3:0.

Motion C:

Mr. Chirico presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority authorize the Chairman of the Parking Authority to execute an amended Easement Agreement with SEPTA to revise, among other things, the size and intended use of the easement areas, subject to the approval by the Parking Authority's Solicitor and Administrator.

Mr. Dunigan – The expansion of construction space will be further away from Madison Street.

Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and approved 3:0.

Motion D:

Mr. Dunigan presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that the Lansdale Parking Authority recommend and support the Borough's proposed ordinance change to change the parking rate in the Vine Street Parking Lot to fifty cents for six hours.

Motion seconded by Mr. Chirico and approved 3:0.

Ongoing Business

A. Handicapped Parking spaces at 9th Street Station.

Mr. Ziegler - A handout was given to the Authority members that showed preliminary cost analysis pertaining to moving handicapped spaces from the temporary lot to the permanent lot or the option to add a sidewalk from the temporary lot to the train platform. The Authority would have to discuss with SEPTA before a restriping or adding a sidewalk, etc.

Mr. Dunigan – Mr. Siegler was at the 9th Street Station and noticed that the handicapped spaces in the temporary lot were not accessible to the platform. Those spaces just can't be moved due to ADA requirement for size of a handicapped parking space and the number of spaces. The low end to make changes is \$10,000 and the high end to make changes is \$30,000. The high end is to restripe the parking lot and move the spaces.

Any other Business Properly Presented

Mr. Dunigan – There have been numerous conversations with Equus over the past several weeks. The Authority asked Equus to come back to them with a revised plan for the Madison Lot since their last presentation in October 2015 after hearing feedback from staff, some Council members and Authority members.

The picture shown on the screen here shows the reconfiguration of some parking on Madison Street and the main building is turned on an angle. The Kugel Ball may be moved near where the Santa House sits. Retail closest to Madison Street and the apartments are further back in the lot. This is just a rendering and is not set in stone. A public meeting will be held in March, date to be determined. This rendering depicts that the design will be more toward the original plan that was shown. Equus will have to go through the land development process again.

Ms. Fuller – Asked that there be free parking on August 27, 2016 for Founders Day.

Ms. Hawkins Charlton – Asked if there will be space for the Farmers Market?

Mr. Dunigan – There is potential for the Market to be held in the plaza as well as several other events that are held in the Borough.

Charles – Does this picture show that Madison Street becomes one-way?

Mr. Clement – It doesn't show that on this picture but it was always the plan that Madison Street become one-way going in off of Main Street and existing onto Wood Street.

Mr. Burnell – How many parking spaces are located on Madison Street now?

Mr. Clement – About 8 or 10 right now.

An Executive Session will be held immediately following the adjournment of this meeting regarding a real estate matter.

Meeting adjourned – 8:16pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parking Authority will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM at One Vine Street, Lansdale in the Municipal Complex Council Chambers.

Todd Brown, Secretary