



**Borough of Lansdale
Public Safety Committee
Minutes**

September 7, 2016

7:00 pm

Lansdale Borough Hall; Room 201 A

1 Vine Street, Lansdale PA 19446

Chairperson: Tom Work

Names of Members Present:

Mr. Tom Work, Councilman Chair

Mr. Jack Hansen, Councilman

Ms. Mary Fuller, Councilwoman

Chief Robert McDyre

Names of all citizens who officially appeared before Committee:

Rick DeLong – Public Works

Robert Willi

Ray Phillips

Kate Sullivan

Al Garnett

Nancy Sullivan

Dan Kerns

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

I. Old Business:

A. Approval of August 3, 2016 Public Safety Meeting Minutes

The Committee voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2016 Public Safety Meeting.

B. Handicapped Parking Request Appeal, 491 Franklin Street.

Chief McDyre advised the committee that he and Lieutenant Kromdyk had met with the requestor and they found that he has better alternative off-street parking available to him. The committee voted 3-0 to deny the request.

C. Knapp Road Pedestrian Bridge

The committee had previously voted 3-0 to table the request by Mr. Hansen to allow the discussion to take place in any other applicable committee before it come before the full Council. Item will be removed from PS Agenda for now, pending discussion before other committees.

D. Two hour Parking Signs—400 Block of W Sixth Street

Chief McDyre advised the committee that the signs have been removed therefore the item can be closed.

New Business

A. Unit Block of North Mitchell street no parking request.

Chief McDyre advised the committee that upon reviewing the above no parking request, that he found that upon exiting the adjacent parking lot onto N. Mitchell Street, there is a line of sight issue created when cars are parked on the West side of the Street. Additionally he found that the Street is unusually narrow; only approximately 23 feet wide, creating an issue of a reduced lane of travel for two vehicles when cars and parked on the street. The committee voted 3-0 to recommend to Council that the parking be removed from the West side of North Mitchell Street from Main Street to Mill Street.

B. Special Event Policy/Ordinance

Chief McDyre advised that a committee consisting of Borough staff had worked with our solicitor and prepared a draft special events policy and a draft ordinance. . A copy of the draft the document will be emailed to all Council members for review.

C. Commercial vehicle parking.

Chief McDyre advised the committee that the Borough and Police Department has received an increasing number of complaints concerning commercial vehicles. Trucks and motorhomes parked in residential neighborhoods. Upon reviewing the ordinance, Chief McDyre advised that the Borough should update the ordinance to better address the resident's concerns.

Public Comments:

- Several neighbors commented on a motorhome recently having been parked in and around the 800 block of Derstine Avenue. They advised the committee that they are concerned that a vehicle of that size takes up too many parking spots and created a line of sight issue when parked at the end of a block.
- Al Garnett requested that the Borough consider painting curbs at Alleys in the Wedgewood development to prevent people from parking to close preventing alley access. The Chief and Rick DeLong will meet and go over options.
- Dan Kerns requested that the Police be aware of what he considers "unsafe" vehicles on the roads, which are considered a new trend of "Stancing", which is excessive lower of suspension, excessive wider tires and setting excessive camber (wheel tilt) of the suspension.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

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

Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor
Rick DeLong, Public Works Supervisor
John Ernst, Assistant Borough Manager
Chief of Police, Robert McDyre