



**Borough of Lansdale
Public Safety Committee
Minutes
October 5, 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:

Al Garnett

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

I. Old Business:

Approval of September 7, 2016 Public Safety Meeting Minutes

The Committee voted 3-0 to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2016 Public Safety Meeting.

A. No parking zone, west side of N. Mitchell Street (Unit Block)

A motion to prepare and advertise had been passed by Council last month and a vote will come before Council this month for the ordinance.

B. Special Events Ordinance/Policy

Chief McDyre reported that the Special Events Draft Ordinance and draft permit document has been emailed to all of Council. The committee discussed:

This ordinance and permit standardizes and memorializes what we already do for events.

Sets guidelines for acceptable events

Allows for Council at their discretion to collect fees any event

The ordinance has a hold harmless clause to better protect the Borough and lessen our liability.

Details the Borough's insurance requirements

The committee would like to have the Ordinance and permit in place beginning January 1, 2017

The Committee vote 3-0 to prepare and advertise the new Ordinance

C. Commercial Vehicle Parking

Chief McDyre advised the committee that based on research and past practice he discovered the Borough's current *Commercial Vehicle Ordinance* has the below deficiencies:

Regulate commercial vehicle parking at all times overnight etc.(?)

Create exceptions for deliveries—active work and constructions zones, fire apparatus etc.

Include all Motorhomes and RV's?

How to notify vehicle owners

The committee will continue to work on the intent of the Ordinance and is encouraging input from all of Council and the Public.

New Business

A. Handicapped parking request 1032 Poplar Street.

Chief McDyre reported that he had received a handicapped parking request for in front of 1032 Poplar Street. Upon conducting a site visit, he found that the home is a 16-foot row home with on street parking out front, leading to two flights of steps to the front door. It has excellent off-street parking in the rear with about equal walking distance. In addition, the rear parking has only one set of steps.

The Committee voted 3-0 to decline the request based on the information available at the time of the vote.

B. Request for the 66th annual Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday November 19, 2016.

Chief McDyre received a request to hold the 66th Annual Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday November 19th, beginning at 1:00PM. The event requires the closure of West Main Street and additional streets on file with the Police Department from Noon to 4:00PM---the usual insurance requirements apply.

The committee voted 3-0 to approve the event

C. Extension of Farmers' Market season

The Farmers Market requested an extension of their season until mid-December.

This will be an informational item only.

Public Comments:

- Al Garnett requested that the Borough consider painting curbs at alleys in the Wedgewood development to prevent people from parking too close, preventing alley access. The Chief and Rick DeLong will meet and go over options. The Chief will also meet with Mr. Garnett.

Adjournment

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