



Borough of Lansdale
Public Safety Committee
Minutes
January 2, 2019
7:00 pm
Lansdale Borough Hall
1 Vine Street, Lansdale PA 19446
Chairperson: Tom Work

Names of Members Present:

Mr. Tom Work, Councilman Chair
Ms. Mary Fuller, Councilwoman
Mr. Jack Hansen, Councilman
Chief Michael Trail

Public in Attendance:

John Darab
Jonathan Farmer
Jean Fritz
Michael Bishop Rieg
Gary Kulp
Anne Scheuring

I. Old Business:

The committee approved meeting minutes for the December 5, 2018 Public Safety meeting 3-0.

II. New Business:

A. Handicap parking request for 42 West Fifth Street

The Chief advised the committee of a request for permit parking at 42 West Fifth Street which was reviewed by the department. The review determined there is enough off-street parking and advised the committee not to approve the request. The committee voted 3-0 to deny the request.

B. PA Hero Walk special event application

The chief advised the committee of a special event application received by the department for the PA Hero walk on May 11, 2019, in Lansdale Borough. The application was approved by the Special Event Committee and the Chief recommended the approval of the event by the public Safety Committee. The vote to approve was 3-0

C. PD Public Information Officer

The chief advised the committee of the PD's new Public Information Officer, Detective Joseph Gary. Detective Gary will be responsible for all press and media relations and work with the PD's Facebook and Twitter feed to provide the most accurate and timely information to the public regarding critical incidents and press releases.

D. Parking restrictions on Derstine Ave. and surrounding streets

The chief advised the committee a review of the borough code would not allow a temporary parking restriction to be enacted on Derstine Ave as he previously stated in the December PS meeting. The chief advised the committee he would be working on a plan to provide relief for residents impacted by commuter parking on Derstine Ave. and Richardson Ave. at the February 6, 2019, PS meeting.

III. Public Comment

John Darab- Mr. Darab appeared before the committee to request the borough consider moving the traffic stop line for the Left turn lane of Vine Street at South Broad Street as the current location of the stop line makes it difficult for SEPTA buses to make the turn from South Broad Street on to Vine Street. The chief advised Mr. Darab he would speak with the Borough Traffic Engineer to see if the line could be moved.

Mr. Darab requested the borough consider creating a crosswalk on Church Road to allow SEPTA commuters to cross Church more efficiently.

Mr. Darab inquired about a crosswalk for the Annedale Green Project and was advised that one will be installed once the last phase of the construction begins.

Mr. Darab further suggested the borough consider a study of traffic light timing in the borough to ease congestion during the rush hours.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will take place on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

cc: Public Safety Committee	Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor
Mayor Gerry Herbert	John Ernst, Borough Manager
Chief Michael Trail	Rick DeLong, Public Works Supervisor
Pat Chapman, Records	LT. Ryan Devlin

***- Possible Action Item at Business Meeting**