



Borough of Lansdale
Public Safety Committee
Minutes
April 3, 2019
7:00 pm
Lansdale Borough Hall
1 Vine Street, Lansdale PA 19446
Chairperson: Tom Work

Names of Members Present:

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

Public in Attendance:

Dolores & Wayne Sharp
Abram Moyer
Janve Storins
Anne Scheuring
Helen & Bruce Schwartz
Keith Heffintrayer
John Darab

I. Old Business:

A. The committee approved meeting minutes for the March 6, 2019 Public Safety meeting 3-0.

B. Traffic and Parking update

The chief advised the committee he was working with Penn Dot to install Lane Separator Curbs on North Broad Street in the 200 block to prohibit cars from driving through the safety zone.

The committee was further advised public works would be installing meters in several unmetered parking locations within the downtown.

II. New Business:

A. Fairmount Fire Company Car Show

The chief advised the committee that the special events committee approved the event application for the 2019 Car Show on June 15, 2019. The committee voted 3-0 to approve the car show.

B. First Friday Special Event

The chief advised the committee that the special events committee approved the annual First Friday Events in Lansdale from May through December. The committee voted 3-0 to approve the event.

C. Promotional exam process

The chief advised the committee that eligible officers sat for the promotional exam for the position of police sergeant on April 4, 2019 and the results of the exam should be in by the second week of May 2019

D. LPD March performance

The chief reported LPD handled 1,725 events in the month of March of which 46 were traffic accidents. LPD is working to hire a new parking enforcement officer and the job ad should be posted in the next few weeks.

III. Public Comment

Mr. Darab requested the borough consider making the street crossing signage on West Main Street more consistent as currently some crossings have lighted signals while others have audible devices.

Mrs. Scheuring requested police investigate removing BB guns from juveniles in incidents where kids are shooting the property of others. The chief advised he would look to have officers speak with the parents of such offenders and suggest the parents take the BB guns away.

Mrs. Storins requested LPD review the yield signs at Lakeview and Norway and consider changing the sign to indicate that the on coming traffic do not stop. The chief spoke with Rick DeLong of PW and they will review the matter.

Mr. Sharp appeared before the committee and requested the PD do something to stop kids on bikes from loitering in front of the bike shop on West Main Street as they are driving away business and rude to his customers. Mr. Sharp also advised this is the same group of kids who have been riding their bikes in and out of traffic and have no regards for vehicular traffic. The chief advised LPD would continue to stop juveniles who engage in such practices and will send a letter to the bike shop asking them to remind juveniles visiting the store to not loiter in the area and be respectful of traffic in the parking lot.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

cc: Public Safety Committee
Mayor Gerry Herbert

Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor
John Ernst, Borough Manager

Chief Michael Trail
Pat Chapman, Records

Rick DeLong, Public Works Supervisor
LT. Ryan Devlin

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

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