

April 15, 2002 1:00 PM

**Council attending: Mr. Streeter, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Eline, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Monahan,
Ms. Smith, Mr. Miller, Mr. Allen, Mayor Troxell
Staff in attendance: Mr. Sterner, Dr. Powell, Ms. Powell**

Keefauver Closing

Mr. Murphy, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Miller have not heard any objections to Keefauver closing from third ward constituents. The Mayor has received phone calls regarding the safety concerns with students crossing the street at the intersection of Fourth Street and Old Harrisburg Road.

Manager Sterner advised council that the majority of Eisenhower is located in Cumberland Township as the division line passes through the sixth grade classrooms.

Dr. Powell was concerned about the closing an old school building and its relation to the national directive of "Save America's Treasures."

Council wanted to know if the closing of Keefauver was a "done deal," therefore Mr. Eline will invite Dr. David Mowery, superintendent of the Gettysburg Area School District, to the next Community Relations Committee meeting to clarify this matter further.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) meeting to be held Monday, April 22

The meeting on April 22nd will be a general open discussion on GMA. In particular, council is concerned about the costly tapping fees for constituents and the general condition of the water and sewer infrastructure in the Borough.

Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau (GCVB) Liaison/Pillow Tax

Council discussed the status of the pillow tax, relative to the CVB and County Commissioners. President Streeter will write a letter on behalf of council asking on the status of the pillow tax money. In particular, if the GCVB is still committed to keeping an office in downtown, when the County will turn over a portion of the pillow tax receipts, and if it will be distributed quarterly.

Skate Park

At the request of Senator Punt, the Borough applied for a grant with the Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$20,000 toward the proposed skate park. We expect to receive word in May on the award.

Mr. Miller reported that the Recreation Board has no objection to a skate park being built on the tennis court but they are concerned with the supervision and liability of the participants. He noted that recreation staff has little time to be able to add to the workload.

Manager Sterner reported that Hockley and O'Donnell insurance company has not given a firm number on insurance costs, but estimates are around \$5,000 a year. Cost will be dependent on supervision and security (fence).

With few negative comments on the proposed skate park, Council agreed to it in concept. Mr. Eline, Mr. Miller, Ms. Weikert, and Mr. Sterner will serve as an ad hoc committee to move this proposal forward.

Youth Center

Mr. Allen reported that Vicki Corbett has formed three committees to work on this idea:

- 1) Government and Funding – 501.3c status, acquisition of funds
- 2) Planning and Visibility – mission, programming, structure
- 3) Youth Action Team – what do the youth want, where do they feel services lacking

Mr. Allen will keep council abreast of the situation and any further development.

Train Station

Because of the immediate need for restoration, the Borough is modifying the application for the “Save America’s Treasurers” grant for work on the Train Station instead of the Wills House. In addition to a real need, that project is primed to move so that the funds can be spent in the next two years. The Wills House is not that far advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina E. Powell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristina" being the most prominent part.

Kristina E. Powell
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