

COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST, 14, 2000

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Giles, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Monahan and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Main Street Director Trostle, Parking Manager Little, Rec Manager Crouse, Code Enforcement Weikert, Historical Preservation Officer Powell, and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Tammie Gitt of the Evening Sun and Jennifer Lawrence of WGET.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter, to approve the Council meeting minutes of July 10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline opened the meeting and welcomed the standing room only visitors. He addressed the proposal put forth by Kennie's Market to sell a portion of the Rec Park to Kennie's for a new store. Council had hoped that Giant would sale their old building so that Kennie's would be able to move to that location. Giant has not been cooperative in this request. Council asked Solicitor Eastman to review the deed to the Rec Park and present his opinion on the possibility of selling a portion of the park. While Council does not wish to sale any portion of the Recreation Park, we are working diligently to keep a grocery store in town.

Mayor Troxell presented the Eddie Plank Athletic Award to the state champion Babe Ruth baseball team. John Kuhn, Manager of the team gave a brief history of the team. Many of these boys have played together as a team for 8 years. They are very deserving of this championship. Jack Bream gave a brief history of Eddie Plank, Gettysburg's only representative in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The boys were each presented with medals and awards as follows: Harry Fluman, Joel Folkemer, Chris Gallon, Grant Hartman, Chad Heidle, Jarrod Holzer, Nathan Holyman, Adam Keefer, Kurt Kluck, Kevin Kuhn, Brian Mearns, Brandon Orndorff, Ben Rebert, Matt Sheffer, Peter Straub and Joe Yeck. Also recognized were Manager John Kuhn, Coaches Dale Gallon, Al Fluman and Joe Yeck, and Scorekeeper Darrell Miller.

Citizens in attendance:

Many family members and friends were present for the Eddie Plank Athletic Award presentation.

Betty Myers, Lincoln Cemetery Association, received approval of the Community Revitalizing Grant, which will expire in June 2001. They are anxious to begin the fence project and are asking the Borough to install a curb prior to the fence.

Solicitor Eastman is preparing an ordinance to be adopted in September vacating 2 feet of both Cemetery Alley and Lincoln Lane. He will then give notice to the residences of this action. If no hearing is requested from adjoining property owners, the ordinance then goes into effect in October.

Ms. Giles asked if HARB looked at the request for curb and fence. Dr. Powell reported that HARB reviewed this about a year ago and the fence is similar but only 4 feet high.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize the Highway Dept. to install the curbs along both Lincoln Lane and Cemetery Alley as time permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Several concerned citizens attended to express their concern about selling the park. Pat Beedle of The Center/El Centro, read a petition from the children opposing the sale of any of the Rec Park. Many children spoke in opposition to a sale of the park.

Marya Tipton of PEACE, thanked Council for allowing the children to speak about selling the Rec Park.

Rick Harris, Rec Board Member, reported that the new Rec building is progressing very well and construction should begin this year.

Mr. Eline asked Solicitor Eastman to explain Eminent Domain in reference to Giant. He Solicitor Eastman explained that the Borough itself may not be able to take the property by eminent domain, however it may be possible for a County Redevelopment Authority to take the property. Of course, we would expect Giant to pursue litigation.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to instruct the Solicitor to review the transfer request of CATV from GS Communications to Adelphia, but with no second this motion dies.

No action was taken on the GS Communication proposal to sell their CATV to Adelphia. Mr. Eline asked Public Works to again review the cable TV issue and report at next month September Council meeting.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Woodward to instruct Solicitor Eastman to prepare and advertise for adoption at the September meeting an amendment to the sign ordinance allowing street clock height to 18 feet. Motion carried unanimously.

CEO Weikert mentioned that with this change, Council should consider a change in the sign ordinance allowing only one sandwich board per property not per business. Shared businesses should all be listed on the same sandwich board

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Woodward to instruct Solicitor Eastman to prepare and advertise for adoption at the September meeting an amendment to the Sign Ordinance permitting only one sandwich board per property. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported the CRIS study meeting is scheduled for September 20th at the GAR building.

Mr. Monahan asked if Council presents awards or recognition to property owners who have done outstanding work on their properties. He noted that Ernie Schriver did a fabulous job on his property on Middle Street.

Dr. Powell pointed out that Council has presented historic preservation awards, usually in May to coincide with Historic Preservation month.

Mr. Andrews reported they had a pleasant and productive meeting with Congressman Schuster. He has asked Representative Maitland to attend a Legislative Committee meeting in the near future. He noted that The Adams County Planning Commission has a vacant seat and Council should send another letter of interest for this seat.

Mr. Eline reported that he has scheduled a Council/HARB workshop on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 PM.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to appoint Sharon Gelwicks to the police force effective August 13, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported the College Relations meeting for August has been canceled. The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28 at 3:00.

Mr. Streeter reported the Community Development Committee will meet on Monday, August 28 at 4:00. Representatives from the various housing agencies have been invited to attend to form a task force. They will begin by reviewing the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Streeter asked that Council and others not make any comments on future plans and issues before action is taken so as not to cause problems like the Kennie's/park issue.

Manager's Report:

He met with Friends of the Parks director Vickie Monrean and College rep Larry Eighmy to discuss distribution of the TEA funds. All will attend the next Public Works meeting to present it to Council.

The Gettysburg Convention and Business Bureau requested that Council commit to one of their employees to staff the Train Station upon its completion. Mr. Streeter suggested Council take this request into consideration but not to make a commitment at this time. Mr. Eline instructed a letter be sent to GCVR to inform them of Council's decision.

We continue to negotiate a cellular telephone tower proposal but we will need to apply for a zoning variance to the set back requirement.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize the staff to apply for a zoning variance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt a resolution requesting and approving the PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit for Lincoln Square brick project, effective July 10, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to instruct Council to send a letter of support to our congressman in support of CABT (Coalition Against Bigger Trucks) against heavier trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration reports for tax years 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull asked Council to bring their Ordinance books to her for the annual updates.

Mrs. Crouse reported that the LeVan family donated \$10,000 towards the Recreation building project.

Mr. Little thanked everyone who turned out to make the National Night Out a great success.

Mr. Monahan noted that Governor Ridge will be in Gettysburg on September 18 for a bicycle program. Council should consider recognizing him for his support to our community.

Council held a brief Executive Session to discuss the progress of the Wills House negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary