

PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
August 15, 1994

President Simpson called this Special Meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:00 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers with the following Councillors present: Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Gustafson, Ms. Giles, Mr. Troxell, and Mr. Eline. Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Zellner were not present. Also in attendance were Dr. Walter Powell, Small Grants Manager, Mrs. Kathy Showvaker, Recreation Department Director, Jane Jones, Catherine Leedy and Diane Auchter of the Gettysburg Recreation Board, Elizabeth Daniels, former member of Borough Council, Jean McCrorie, Albert Bachman, Mrs. Leo Weiner, Mr. Leo Weiner, and Mr. Donald Marritz. Also present were Lucy Basalla of the Gettysburg Times and Sharon Hare of the Hanover Evening Sun.

Dr. Powell gave a brief overview of the purpose of the hearing, noting that the proposed application to be considered this evening called for a request for \$14,000 in Planning Assistance Program funds from the Department of Community Affairs to undertake a swimming pool feasibility study. He noted that the Recreation Board and its Director, Kathy Showvaker, had taken the initiative and, at this point, asked Kathy Showvaker to make comments.

Kathy noted that "we are starting a process, not saying definitely that we will have a pool, but rather, is a pool possible?" She reminded those present that this proposal was to begin a first step, and if a pool is to be considered, a study must be completed in order to go after funding.

Mr. Donald Marritz, a Gettysburg resident, affirmed his strong support for this proposal, noting that "our town is incomplete without a community pool--we need one badly. It's exactly the sort of thing government ought to do, needs to do, and can do. I would drop everything else to help with this project."

Ms. Elizabeth Daniels, a longtime former member of Borough Council, noted that she has noticed many comments in the local papers lately about "problems with young people." She noted that "they need something to do" and this is something we can do for them that is right. She also observed that she felt confident the Borough could raise the funds, noting that she was dubious that the Borough could raise the money for the Lincoln Square Project, but was happily proven wrong. She said "I believe you'd be right to put in a pool!"

Kathy Leedy of the Recreation Board read a letter drafted by the entire Board in support of applying for the funds, and Kathy Showvaker read a letter of support from Carroll Davenport, Director of the Gettysburg YWCA.

There was some discussion by Council about the amount of money being requested, with some questions raised about whether it would be adequate. Dr. Powell noted that the estimates from the consultants ranged from a low of \$13,500 to a high of \$28,000. There was a consensus that the amount requested should be somewhat higher, and Mrs. Gustafson moved, seconded by Mr. Schmitt, to raise the request to \$17,000. This motion passed unanimously.

President Simpson then asked if there were any further comments from the public. Hearing none, she asked Dr. Powell to read the proposed resolution to authorize submission of the application for a Planning Assistance Grant to the Department of Community Affairs. The Council then took unanimous action in approving the resolution, and President Simpson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Walter L. Powell*  
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Secretary Pro Tempore



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RESOLUTION

Adopted by Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg this 15th day of August, 1994.

WHEREAS, the Borough Recreation Department has determined a need to undertake a swimming pool feasibility study to consider whether the Borough's residents have a strong interest in such a facility, and whether the Borough has the capacity to finance and manage a pool; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee of Borough Council, the Planning Commission, and Borough staff have recommended that Council apply to the Department of Community Affairs for a Small Communities Planning Assistance Grant in the amount of \$17,000 to undertake this pool feasibility study;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Gettysburg Borough Council, by unanimous vote at a special meeting held and duly advertised for this purpose, does authorize the Planning Commission to submit an application to the Department of Community Affairs for a Planning Assistance Grant in the amount of \$17,000.

The above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by Borough Council on August 15, 1994.

Attest:

*Sara L. Weaver*