

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
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COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

President Jacob Schindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked the Borough Secretary Sara Stull to conduct a roll call of Council members in attendance. The following **Councilors were present:** Mr. Wesley Heyser, Mrs. Judith Butterfield, Ms. Patricia Lawson, Mr. John Lawver, Mr. Christopher Berger and Mr. Matthew Moon. **Staff present included:** Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Assistant Borough Manager/ Secretary Sara Stull; Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Barley Snyder; Parking Manager Rebecca Fissel; Planning Director Carly Marshall; Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation Debra English; Finance Assistant Tammy Murdorf; Police Chief Robert Glenny; Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present included: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Dorothy Puhl, President of the Board, and Laura Goss, Executive Director, of the Adams County Library System; Susan Naugle, Tom Jolin and Michael (Max) Bramel representing the Gettysburg Inner Loop; Ben Wenk, Ploughman Cider Taproom, 14 Lincoln Square; Eve English, 3 Baltimore Street; Doug Stephens, Victorian Carriage Company; Eldridge Moses, Uncle Moe's Soul Food Truck; Chad-Alan Carr, Community Theater, 49 York Street; Jennie Dillon, Vice President representing the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA); Kierstan Belle Demps, 3 West Street; Jim Hale representing the *Gettysburg Times*; and Mark Wherley, *Community Media-ACCTV* filming through Zoom platform.

Announcements

President Schindel announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted on Monday, February 22, 2021, commencing at 4:00 PM, consistent with sections 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the termination of employment and the terms and conditions of employment of current and prospective Borough employees; and (2) to review and discuss matters of Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

Public Comment – Restricted to Old Business and New Agenda Items (not tabled items).

Eve English, 3 Baltimore Street said that she lives above Ploughman Cider Taproom at 14 Lincoln Square, and expressed her concerns with the loud noise from music.

She said that Ploughman Cider Taproom was issued a Special Event Permit to play music several nights per week, and so they do not need to adhere to the Borough's noise ordinance. Ms. English said that she has made numerous noise complaints and has asked that this permit not be renewed. She said that she does not mind music for special events but not 4 to 5 times each week.

Eldridge Moses, Uncle Moe's Soul Food Truck asked for clarification on the regulations that prevent trailers from being unhooked and left in a parking space, and also about the three-hour limit for parking which requires operators to move their food trucks several times throughout the day.

Special Presentations

A. Adams County Library System (ACLS) - Dorothy Puhl President of the Board and Laura Goss Executive Director

Executive Director Laura Goss said that the current site at the corner of Baltimore Street and High Street cannot be renovated to meet the future needs of the library. The site has very little parking and it also serves as the central hub location for the six branch system. She asked Borough Council to consider a new library location at the Gettysburg Recreation Park, noting that there would be lots of opportunities to partner with the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA).

ACLS Board President Dorothy Puhl said that staying in the Borough and remaining a walkable destination is top priority for them, but land availability is limited. She said that after reviewing a consultant's study it revealed the need for a building of at least 27,000 square feet on three acres of land. Mrs. Puhl said that the ACLS plans to choose an architectural consultant in June; and if a location at the Recreation Park does not work, they would begin to look elsewhere.

ACLS officials met with GARA, who expressed an interest in a new structure at certain locations in the park. They would prefer to purchase land to build a structure which is estimated to cost \$8 to \$10 million but were told by GARA that it is not possible to buy land. The current deed restrictions limit the park property to recreational and playground use. Mrs. Goss said that the library could plan programs around the availability of outdoor space such as concerts, movie screenings, gardening, and story walks for children.

After some discussion Council members reached a consensus to instruct Solicitor Eastman to review the deed restrictions and prepare a letter to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to see if it is possible to make changes to allow for a library.

B. Gettysburg Inner Loop Phase B1/B2 Update - Chad Clabaugh Borough Engineer and Susan Naugle HABPI Board

Past Council President Susan Naugle, Tom Jolin and Michael Bramel, representing Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian Inc, presented on the current status of the Gettysburg Inner Loop Phase B2 Project. Ms. Naugle updated the council on the status of applications for grants and provided several scenarios for fully or partially funding the project. Borough Engineer Chad Clabaugh explained the need for an upgraded site plan for future applications and the cost to produce it – not more than \$1,000. The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) provided several samples of plans from other applications. The upgrade would include more detail so that the project could be better understood on just one page. Ms. Naugle and HABPI recommended the Borough apply again to DCNR but wait for the results of the pending application with the Department of Community and Economic Development when award announcements are made in March. DCNR applications must be submitted by April 14, 2021. The best-case scenario would have the Borough requesting approximately \$350,000 which would be used for design, engineering, and inspection costs. She also asked Council to act on a required resolution for a DCNR application at their March Business Meeting.

New Business

A. Additional Carriage Ride Pick-Up Point

Planning Director Marshall said that she received a request from a horse-drawn carriage ride operator to add a pick-up and drop-off location near 777 Baltimore Street in front of the Hoof, Fin and Fowl Restaurant. She noted that a list of concerns was received from Max Felty, President of Gettysburg Tours, Inc., 789 Baltimore Street.

Doug Stephens, Victorian Carriage Company addressed Council stating that he was approached by a business owner to have a location on Baltimore Street for carriage rides. He said that the horses draw people to the area and would benefit the businesses. Mr. Stephens has since withdrawn his request for this location. He noted that he had presented a Baltimore Street location to the Borough Safety Committee in 2014 that he thought was approved.

Councilman Heyser responded that the minutes of the meetings in 2014 would need to be reviewed to see if the Safety Committee recommended the request to Borough Council for approval.

B. Live Outdoor Music

Planning Director Marshall said that a special event permit was required because it is located on Lincoln Square which is public property. The noise ordinance exempts special events which includes music and is allowed by ordinance until 11:00 PM. She pointed out

that the ambient noise is standard for the noise ordinance and noted that it was not considered to be in violation because it was less loud than that of passing trucks.

Chief Glenny recommended a review of the ordinances to make sure they are consistent with the state alcohol regulations.

Ben Wenk, Ploughman Cider Taproom said that he is open to compromises such as limiting hours for the amplified music on weekends. He noted that currently the music stops on weekdays at 9:00 PM and weekends at 10:00 PM. Mr. Wenk said that the music draws listeners to the square including children who benefit from the exposure to the arts. He pointed out that the indoor taproom service closed during the pandemic, but that he continually hired musicians which required performances to be held outside.

After some discussion Council directed Borough Staff to review the ordinances in question and formulate potential changes to present at another work session.

Old Business

PBS 2019-10 Food Trucks

Parking Manager Fissel said that she has received complaints from food truck vendors regarding the regulations that prevent trailers from being unhooked and left in parking spaces, and that they must move to different parking spaces every three hours. She said that the ordinance needs to be reviewed and amended.

Manager Gable also noted that the brick and mortar businesses do complain when the food trucks park in front of their businesses.

Eldridge Moses, Uncle Moe's Soul Food Truck said that he respects the businesses and does not sit in front of them. He pointed out that it is important for people driving into town to see the food trucks on the square which brings people downtown.

Manager Gable explained that food trucks were not included in the ordinance, and that they must also comply with the parking regulations. If it is not followed then we would not be enforcing the ordinance.

After some discussion Council members agreed to review the ordinances in question and continue discussions at the next work session.

Public Comment (open to items not on the agenda)

Eldridge Moses, Uncle Moe's Soul Food Truck asked Council to review the ordinance so that he can maintain his business and succeed.

Kierstan Belle Demps, 3 West Street, asked if Council is still accepting applications for the Human Relations Commission.

Councilman Moon responded that applications are still being accepted, and that volunteers are needed for all appointed boards. Applications are available on the Borough's Website at www.gettysburgpa.gov along with the descriptions of the boards.

Jennie Dillon, Vice President representing the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association said that they would be interested in speaking at the next meeting when the special event permits are discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary