

BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, August 6, 2008
7:00 pm

President, Thomas Paul, called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:06pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Decker, Paul Snyder, Faith Diascro, Ryan Enoch, John Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary, Darlene Stoudt

VISITORS:

ACTION ON MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2008 was made by John Smith and seconded by Paul Snyder. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Pastor Peter Smith – Hope Valley Community Church – Graber Alley

Pastor Smith addressed council on the vandalism that is occurring in the Red Hill Park, and HVCC.

The church currently has 16 cameras on their site, mostly mounted inside the building. The building is surrounded with dark areas, which the cameras are not able to pick up the criminal activity that occurs at night.

John Smith stated that council is aware of the problem and has contacted three companies requesting proposals on purchasing cameras.

Tom Paul instructed Darlene to research on obtaining a DCED grant for the cameras.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

RHPC/UPRPC: - Charles McCleary

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker

GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith

M&F Cleaning Services-

John Smith made a motion to hire M&F Cleaning services for \$132.00/monthly and \$365.00 for the initial cleaning of the borough building. This building will be cleaned on a monthly basis; unless cleaning is requested for special events. Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Prioritizing Work Schedule for Roadmaster-

David Schiffgens suggested that a work order be initiated for Conrad Bender. Any council member who has a specific request should complete a work order that will be created by Darlene Stoudt. Forms will be submitted to John Smith and Conrad. The original copy will be kept with the secretary.

PARKS & RECREATION: Ryan Enoch

Ryan Enoch reported to council on the following items:

- Plants were planted in the flower garden at 4th & Graber Alley.
- Grey rubber has been received for the playground area.
- Conrad received quotes for the broken playground equipment - Tom Paul informed Ryan to have the broken items replaced.

Ryan Enoch was approached by Alyssa D'Ipollito, who is a member of the Girl Scouts to construct a garden in the Centennial Park for credit in the Girl Scout program. Tom Paul stated that Upper Hanover Township must give their approval on the project, and Stan Seitzinger must be contacted for approval.

Tom Paul instructed Ryan to ask the Girl Scouts to keep the (3) gardens in the Red Hill Park free of weeds.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro

Cell Phone Collection -

Faith Diascro will keep council updated on this project.

OPEN SPACE: -

Doris Decker stated Beth Pilling, and Holly Mager, head of Design Planning for the Montgomery County Planning, visited Red Hill on Monday, August 4th to tour our Open Space possibilities. Doris Decker will address our options at the open space meeting on August 13, 2008 at 6:30pm.

MAYOR: David Schiffgens

David Schiffgens stated vandalism occurred on August 3rd on Wellington Way/3rd Street. Unlock cars were vandalized.

Wood Burning Sheds:

Dave Schiffgens wants the council to be aware of the influx of these sheds which will probably be purchased this winter, because of the high fuel prices. Tom Paul suggested asking John Wascavage for direction on these sheds.

PRESIDENT: Tom Paul

Liz DeJesus, Treasurer, HOA of Preston Court has requested to reserve the chambers for an annual HOA meeting on September 11th. Tom Paul asked council to grant this request with no charge, and there was a consensus of the members to agree with the request. Darlene will notify Liz DeJesus of her request.

Tom Paul adjourned the council meeting at 8:45 for an executive session.

Tom Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:26pm

Old Business:

Doris Decker asked Tom Paul about the badges that the RHFC was going to laminate for council members and employees. David Schiffgens will ask John Lehr on the progress of the project.

Doris Decker asked for an update on the traffic light at 11th street. No update

New Business:

Doris Decker addressed parking behind the library and how dangerous is to drive on Bitting Alley with cars parked in the alley.

Doris Decker suggested to council on being more proactive on police protection for Red Hill

David Schiffgens suggested changing the hours in the park to help curb the vandalism.

Adjournment: - Paul Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt