

**BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
7:30 pm**

President, Thomas Paul, called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:32p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Decker, Faith Diascro, Paul Snyder, Charles McCleary, John Smith, Mark Rober

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary, Darlene Stoudt, Solicitor, Mark Hosterman, LTL Engineer, Norm Ulrich, Mayor, David Schiffgens

VISITORS:

ACTION ON MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2009 was made by Doris Decker and seconded by John Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: -

Adam Kulp, Troop 591, Boys Scout, Red Hill presented to Borough Council the diagram for the three flagpoles, which he will construct at the Red Hill Fire Company grounds.

Preston Court –

Anthony Ferrigo, 904 Vanguard Drive requested an answer on the skateboarding issue and parallel parking spaces.

Skate boarding -

- Mark Hosterman stated the trail is a public easement, and permission is needed from the borough to prohibit skateboarding.
- Tom Paul stated that the HOA would need to pick up the expense on this change.

Parallel parking spaces –

- Norm Ulrich stated that construction would need to be done to ensure that there would be adequate water removal in the converted spaces, and that the work requires engineer services.
- Tom Paul stated council is ok with the changing the direction of the parking spaces; however, Tom Paul stated that the HOA would need to pick up the costs of the changes, and suggested to Mr. Ferrigo to inform the HOA of their responsibility.
- The Council and Mayor will move forward on the requests if an escrow is established with the borough.

Pete Lengyel, 505 Third Street, East Greenville, PA 18041 addressed council on the TAXI Service he is proposing for the Upper Perkiomen Valley.

Mr. Lengyel distributed his proposal to council and requested a letter of recommendation from council. This letter will be submitted to PUC with his application.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

Events for RHFC:

Doris Decker made a motion to accept any events for the RHFC until April 8th, and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

RHPC/UPRPC: David Schiffgens

UPRPC – No report

RHPC – No meeting scheduled for the month of March.

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

YTD income is \$88,831.66 and expenses are \$144,558.39 with a deficit of \$55,726.73.

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker**GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith**

- Conrad installed the blinds in the borough hall.

PARKS & RECREATION: Paul Snyder

Paul Snyder addressed the following topics:

- Todd's Tree Service cut down two trees in the Park and disposed the Christmas trees at the recycling center.
- Waiting for an estimate from Todd's on cleaning out the trees in the park

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro**OPEN SPACE: - Doris Decker**

Mark Hosterman opened the public hearing for the submission of the following open space grant applications.

Application to the Montgomery /County Green Fields/Green Towns Open Space Program for the installation of a walking trail from the Church Road Fly Fishing Area across the New Goschenhoppen Church property to Camelot Park then to East Greenville Borough water intake property, across the Fruitville Road Bridge and onto the Peevy Road Open Space Area. The application will be submitted as a joint, cooperative project of East Greenville Borough, Red Hill Borough and Upper Hanover Township.

**Borough of Red Hill
Resolution 2009-02**

Authorization to submit a grant application to the Montgomery County Greenfields/Greentowns Open Space Program for the Peevy Road Open Space Area Trail connection project.

Charles McCleary made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-02 and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Application to the Montgomery County Green fields/Green Towns Open Space Program for the installation of a walking trail extension at Centennial Park to extend to the Cedar Lea Subdivision and the planned Glenwood Chase Subdivision. The application will be submitted as a joint, cooperative project of Red Hill Borough and Upper Hanover Township.

**Borough of Red Hill
Resolution 2009-03**

Authorization to submit a grant application of the Montgomery County Greenfields/Greentowns Open Space Program for the Centennial Park Trail Extension project.

Doris Decker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-03 and Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Hosterman stated to council that matching funds will be paid by Upper Hanover Township. No money will be taken out of the Red Hill budget.

Hearing closed with no comments from the audience or council.

MAYOR: David Schiffgens**ENGINEER: LTL – Norman Ulrich**

The following projects are currently under review or have received conditional or final approval:

- Paone Townhouse Development – LTL has prepared the construction escrow information to be attached to the developers' agreement after it is prepared. Borough Council instructed the Borough Solicitor to prepare the developers agreement for review and approval at an upcoming Borough Council meeting. After the developers' agreement has been approved and signed by all interested parties, the plans can be recorded and construction may begin. LTL will keep the Borough informed of the projects progress as it moves forward.
- B&W Constructors and Equipment, Inc. – LTL was informed by Borough personnel that this property was sold and is now being developed as a part of the "neighboring Kershner/Tract" upon verification, this project can be removed from the Engineer's report.
- Lehigh Gas Corporation Land Development – LTL anticipates the applicant will continue discussions with the Borough to obtain project direction prior to proceeding with the planning process.
- Saini Minor Subdivision Plan – Construction activities for the month include: Remaining construction items include; final grading, landscaping final driveway paving.

The following projects have received final approval from the borough and are in various stages of construction:

- Preston Court – Major construction activities for the month include the completion of punch list items. LTL recently observed construction activities on site indicating that the swale and walking trail work are nearing completion. LTL will continue to keep the borough informed and monitor all construction activities, as the trail work and construction punch list items are completed.

Following Special Projects have been worked upon by LTL as authorized by Borough Council:

- MS4 NPDES – LTL will update the Borough on the progress of the program.

SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman**Default Notice – Land Development Agreement – Preston Court, Borough of Red Hill, T.H. Properties**

Mark Hosterman drafted a letter to be mailed to T.H. Properties stating they have (20) days from the date of the default notice to commence completing or correcting the punch list items and to complete or, correct the items, including all necessary inspections on or before July 31, 2009. If T.H.Properties fails to commence completion or correction of the punch list within the time period, the borough will proceed against the Bond From Lexon Insurance Company to obtain the remaining balance of the bond to cover the cost of completing the improvements. T.H.Properties will be responsible for the full cost of any work undertaken by the borough not covered by the proceeds of the bond.

Mark Hosterman addressed council on the authorization of the advertisement of the following ordinance:

**Borough of Red Hill
Ordinance No. 2009-468
11th Street No Parking and Tow Away Zone Ordinance**

Charles McCleary made a motion to authorize advertisement of Ordinance No. 2009- 468 and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: –

A motion was made by Paul Snyder to approve the List of Bills for payment, seconded by Doris Decker. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Charles McCleary to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2009 as presented. Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul**Old Business:**

Rug Cleaning Services for the borough:

John Smith addressed council that the borough received two quotes for cleaning the rugs.

M&F - \$427.00

Masters - \$425.00

John Smith made a motion to hire M&F to clean the rugs and Charles McCleary seconded the motion.

Tom Paul withdrew the motion for clarification of the quotes and tabled the hiring of the rug cleaning service.

New Business:

Cedar Court No Parking /Tow Away

Doris Decker was instructed to locate an ordinance to support NO Parking /Tow Away sign on Cedar Court.

Doris Decker made a motion to instruct Mark Hosterman to send the default notice to T.H. Properties and Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles McCleary made a motion to instruct Mark Hosterman to contact Jack Barbary that the borough needs a letter withdrawing the pending land development application for the Weaver Plan filed by Molly and Hayward of B&W Constructors and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Paul adjourned council for an executive session at 8:37pm.

Tom Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:05pm.

Adjournment: - On a motion of Mark Rober, seconded by John Smith and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt