

**Red Lion Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2016**

Members

Christina Frutiger
Dee Kabacinski
Anthony Musso
Kelly Henshaw
Dennis Klinedinst
Nevin Horne

Others

Dianne Price, Borough Manager
Dan Shaw, Codes/Zoning
Jeff Shue, Engineer
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

Visitors

Loren McCleary
Scott Kopp
Lisa Zelger
Jean Newcomer
Linda Deardorff
Ashley Ziegler

Robert Frutiger
Mike Zelger
Gary LaTulippe
Pastor Jay McWilliams
Leah Shiplet
Bill Henry

Michelle Abate
Joe Yahnke
Laura Hostetter
Lindsey Venable
Brad Smith
Kathy Horne

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Pastor Jay McWilliams from Pleasant View Church of the Brethren offered a prayer. All present participated in the pledge to the flag.
2. Mr. Musso made a motion to approve the July 11th, 2016 Meeting Minutes; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. Motion carried, with Mr. Horne & Mr. Klinedinst opposing.
3. **VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**—the following were present to address Council:
 - Laura Hostetter, from 349 West Broadway, was present in hopes of finding a solution to the parking shortage near her apartment building, located at the corner of West Broadway and North Franklin Street. The tenants' cars from her apartment building total seven (7) and because of the new "No Parking" signs installed in the first block of North Franklin, there is not enough parking for all the tenants, along with other residents in the area. In addition, Ms. Hostetter's landlord posted "No Parking" signs in front of the garage at the property too. Council members said the Borough installed the No Parking signs along North Franklin, rather than painting the curbs because the signs will last longer. The signs (and the painted curbs prohibiting parking) were per Borough Ordinance for safety reasons. Not having cars parked there allows better visibility for motorists in that block. Newly constructed apartment buildings (or those structurally modified) must follow the current Zoning Ordinance regulations and allow for enough parking for tenants; however, Ms. Hostetter's apartment building was built years ago and is "grandfathered in" and not governed by the current Zoning Ordinances.
 - Mike Zelger was present to discuss the following:
 - "Fall Fling for Fido"—to be held October 1st, 2016 at Vulcan Field. A pet-rescue event that will involve the SPCA and other non-profit organizations. Food vendors will be present and attendees can walk their pets on the Red Lion Mile.
 - Nitchkey Field maintenance has been poor. Mike said someone is tilling the dirt then when it rains, it gets too soft and there is a lot of runoff, leaving poor field conditions for sports. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Kabacinski will discuss this with Rec Department to get it resolved.
 - Schedule conflicts with Windsor ball teams—Kevin Lawrence form Windsor Recreation brought a team of 10 y/o players onto a field while another team was playing close by, which was potentially dangerous. Summer leagues are over and it

was too soon for fall ball, so Mike didn't know what team it was, but he wanted Council to be aware of this. Council said this will also be addressed with Red Lion Rec Director.

- Red Lion Men's Baseball team recently beat out Conrads in the playoffs of the Susquehanna League. Mike said this is huge publicity for a small town like Red Lion, which got notoriety, not only for the wins, but also for having former Revolution player, Jason Aspito on their team.
 - Mike again, volunteered to drag the ball fields and keep them in good shape.
 - Leah Shiplet, from 515 South Main Street, was present to discuss speeding in the alleyways and the possibility of installing "Caution-Children at Play" signs to encourage motorists to slow down. Council is amenable to this.
Ms. Shiplet also questioned the current pedestrian crosswalks, stating she believes they're a good idea, if motorists would obey them. She asked if additional crosswalks could be installed around town in other areas to encourage motorists to slow down and yield to pedestrians. Council & Mrs. Price will look at other areas in town where this could be done. Mrs. Price stated current pedestrian crosswalks will be receiving more attention soon, with new paint, etc.
 - Gary LaTulippe, from 330 West Broadway, stated the Speed Limit signs in the alley behind his house have definitely cut down on speeding. He thanked the Borough for installing them.
 - Lindsey Venable, from 17 Boundary Avenue, stated she has noticed a definite lack of parental supervision of neighborhood kids in town. When she is able to, she helps some of her neighborhood kids with food, snacks, bikes, etc. Being fairly new to the area, she wondered if Red Lion offered a free lunch program over the summer. Mr. Henshaw said Red Lion Community Services offers a free lunch program. Mrs. Kabacinski will contact them and be in touch with Ms. Venable. Ms. Venable also said she's in support of the Splash Pad, stating she thinks it's a great opportunity for people of all ages.
4. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**—Jeff Shue reported the concrete and paving work at Charles & Gay Streets is complete. The approved contract & Change Order combined (approved by Council last month) came in under contract by approx. \$1,100. The Final Payment Application is being prepared for payment; however, Mr. Klinedinst said he wants to visit the area with Mr. Shue as there are a lot of problems with water runoff on the parking lot.
5. **PUBLIC SAFETY**—Mr. Musso:
- **Fire Company Report**—Joe Yahnke reported:
 - In July, there were 11 calls with 50 personnel responding, 17 pieces of apparatus. \$0 fire loss in July.
 - Joe received his 20-year pin last week, for twenty years of service in varying degrees and positions. Council and the audience applauded Joe and thanked him for his service and time.
 - Joe reported the situation of volunteers in the Fire Company is very dire. Manpower is down so low, it's scary and he is thinking of putting the station out of service during the day unless things change. Because the economy is bad right now, many people have to work, sometimes more than one job and don't have time to volunteer. Or because of current healthcare laws, if they get hurt fighting a fire, they couldn't provide for their families. Drivers for the Fire Company are really needed and Joe said it would be a great help if he could get a few more. It all comes down to money, Joe said. Mr. Musso, Mrs. Price and a few other Council members will discuss options and possible solutions with the Fire Company. A meeting will be planned in the coming weeks.
 - **Ambulance Report**—distributed

- **EMA Report**—Scott Kopp reported
 - 8/13/16—Red Lion Street Fair—EMA will have 22 volunteers present that day, along with ambulance personnel, Jacobus Borough Mayor (now with EMA) & State Police
 - 2017 Emergency Operations Plan is now completed
 - Jim Miller from Bethany United Methodist Church contacted Scott that the church would like to partner with Red Lion EMA as a temporary disaster relief station/shelter.
- **State Police Report**—Mr. Musso addressed rumors that the number of burglaries in Red Lion have increased. He spoke to Lt. Palmer recently, who compared these statistics between 2015 & 2016:
 - Criminal trespassing—2 (2015), 2 (2016)
 - Burglaries—15 (2015), 12 (2016)
 - Commercial burglaries—5 (2015), 3 (2016)
- **Splash Pad**—additionally, Mr. Musso stated testing of the water came back *twice* with a “Grade “A” Health Certification”. Mr. Musso never believed there was any reason for concern of the water at the Splash Pad and stated it is a great place to take children.
 - Mr. Horne offered pictures from the Splash Pad that he invited other Council to view. He and Mr. Klinedinst both maintain there are some issues at the Splash Pad that need resolved. Mrs. Kabacinski stated the issues should be discussed as a group (of Council members) and not just between a couple people spreading doubt amongst town residents. She stated we have to work together in order to be more productive and not try to tear each other down. Mr. Horne called The Department of Health four times to have water samples taken, believing there was an issue with the filter system and cleanliness of the water. Mrs. Price stated those issues were resolved.
 - Mr. Klinedinst stated there was a problem with the women’s restroom toilet, which he talked to Brett Patterson about. A replacement part has been ordered to resolve that issue. Mrs. Kabacinski said every issue has been addressed and Council needs to continue to work together.
 - In the event of problems, a call list is to be posted at the park. Mr. Klinedinst stated the phone number listed is not a working number. This will also be looked into by staff.
 - Ashley Ziegler, a resident of 107 East Broadway, asked if the Splash Pad was built solely with grant money, or did the Borough match the grant funds? The Borough did match the grant funds, but there were also a lot of donations given. Red Lion Municipal Authority donated money for the bathrooms to be built. Other donations and monies raised (like pavilion rentals) goes towards the operation of the Splash Pad. Municipal and Borough employees maintain the Splash Pad. Ms. Ziegler thought all costs involved should be made public to keep residents (taxpayers) informed. Four years ago, when the Splash Pad was proposed to be built, all costs were made public at that time.
 - Michelle Abate, from 107 East Broadway stated when the Splash Pad was closed on a recent Sunday (due to mechanical issues) there were still children (& adults) in that area. She believes there needs to be more supervision. Mrs. Kabacinski has worked on some costs related to supervision. Two people would need to be hired and because it’s a water feature and because of The Department of Health, they would need to be trained as lifeguards. Unfortunately, it’s not financially feasible to have supervision at the Splash Pad every time it’s open.

- Fencing, bathrooms, etc in the park have been vandalized. Council would like to hold the parents or those responsible accountable for the damage. Ms. Venable mentioned having a community cleanup crew, similar to what Mrs. Kabacinski did in the past to keep the park and surrounding areas clean. This will be planned again to hopefully encourage people to take more responsibility.
 - As the season is coming to a close on the Splash Pad, Council and Mrs. Price will be discussing solutions about the overcrowding and lack of supervision to hopefully help with next year's season.
 - Mr. Musso offered kudos to Mrs. Kabacinski for all the time and effort she puts into, not only with the Splash Pad, but Recreation as well.
6. **MAYOR KOPP'S REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**—Mayor Kopp will attend Red Lion Business Association's car show on 8/27/2016 at Dairyland Square where, at 3p.m., he will choose the winner. Proceeds from the car show will go towards the Splash Pad.
 7. **ORDINANCES**—Ordinance 2016-8-4 amends the closing of Charles Lane to vehicular traffic, and repeals the 2011 Ordinance, passed to previously close this street. Mr. Musso made a motion to approve the Ordinance; Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried. Barricades have now been removed on this street.
 8. **AGREEMENTS**—none
 9. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**—Mr. Craley reported he, along with the Authority Solicitor and Mrs. Price met to resolve the Pension MMO issue. He continues to work on litigation issues involving ArthurLee Properties, LLC.
 10. **PARKS AND RECREATION**—Mrs. Kabacinski reported:
 - July 4th festivities collected \$320 in donations (the fireworks company will attend Recreation meeting)
 - Stay at Home Celebration--Car show raised \$1,608, which will go towards New Year's Eve Committee. Chicken BBQ sold out very quickly.
 - Summer Day Camp has raised \$8,500 year-to-date
 - Spring/summer baseball coming to a close
 - Fall baseball will be starting soon
 - August 13th—Red Lion Street Fair, 9-4pm
 - August 19th & September 16th—last two Food Truck Fridays
 - September 24th, 2016—bus trip to the National Zoo in Washington, DC. Red Lion & Windsor residents cost is \$40/person.
 - Fall Fest—volunteers will be needed!
 - Recreation revenue from programs--\$4,689.57 has been raised to date, not including pavilion rentals or summer ball program. A budget is given to Recreation, paid for by taxpayer dollars; however, none of that money has been used for any programming. Mrs. Kabacinski is trying to keep this money as a nest egg because a lot of Rec's programs/events are free, such as the Easter egg hunt and Fall Fest.
 - Mr. Musso offered kudos to Mrs. Kabacinski for all the time and effort she puts into Recreation programming for the good of the Borough.
 11. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**—Mrs. Barley was not present tonight. Mr. Smith from the Municipal Authority confirmed that none of the money from resident's water bills goes towards the operation of the Splash Pad.
 12. **PUBLIC WORKS**—Mr. Klinedinst reported:
 - A handicapped parking space request was received from 166 Linden Avenue. Although the resident has no car, he wanted the parking space for his neighbor who takes him to doctor appointments. Mr. Klinedinst recommended tabling the request at this time.
 - Michelle Abate, from 107 East Broadway questioned the status of her mother's handicapped parking space request. Because the space would be right at the corner of an

alley, Mr. Klinedinst suggested pulling into the alley (at Golden Crust Pizza) for her mother to get in & out of the car.

- Mr. Musso requested a handicapped parking space for his father on First Avenue. There is already a handicapped space five doors down, so Mr. Musso agreed to a temporary sign, which would be taken down in the event his father moves away. Mrs. Kabacinski made a motion to install a temporary handicapped parking sign at 175 First Avenue for Mr. Musso. Mrs. Frutiger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried, with Mr. Musso abstaining.
- Equipment sales—dump truck will go back on the list for sale
- August 12th, 2016—a meeting with school representatives is scheduled to discuss Horace Mann Avenue.

13. **PLANNING, ZONING AND REDEVELOPMENT**—Mr. Horne reported:

- 8/15/16—Planning Commission meeting @ 7:00p.m.
- 8/11/16—Zoning Hearing @ 6:00p.m.
- Peter French plans to resign from the Zoning Hearing Board because he is moving from the area. Once his resignation is received, an alternate will be needed.
- Banners are planned to be installed on utility poles around the Borough. Mrs. Price or Mr. Horne will get samples to gather ideas.

14. **ADMINISTRATION**—Mrs. Frutiger had no report. Mr. Klinedinst requested a spreadsheet of regular hours worked for the Recreation Director and some other office staff. The Recreation Director is salaried, so there is no hourly wage. Mrs. Price will try to accommodate Mr. Klinedinst's request; however, employee evaluations and hiring/firing of the employees is ultimately the decision of the Borough Manager, not Council.

15. **COMMUNICATION**—none

16. **Approval of bills**—Mrs. Frutiger made a motion to approve the bills; Mr. Musso seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

17. **Executive Session**—Council recessed to Executive Session @ 8:35p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation. Council reconvened @ 8:52p.m. No action was taken.

18. **Adjournment**—Council adjourned their meeting @ 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary