

COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Don Berk, Joe Flood, and Wendy Margolis. Also present were Council President Det Ansinn, Councilpersons Susan Madian and Joe Frederick, Mayor Ron Strouse, Solicitor Jordan Yeager, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The Minutes of the November 2014 meeting were approved. (Flood/Berk)

The Committee discussed a revised draft responsible contractor ordinance. The revisions were based on recommendations from local contractors and the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. (ABC). ABC and those contractors are willing to support the ordinance in its current form. The Committee voted to recommend that Council authorize the advertisement of the revised ordinance. (Berk/Flood)

The Committee next discussed a draft resolution requested by the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors requesting that the County of Bucks prohibit the use of tobacco products in County parks. The Committee asked Staff to prepare such a resolution and voted to recommend its adoption by Borough Council. (Berk-Margolis)

Under New Business, Mr. Ansinn indicated that he was discussing a firearm ban for Borough Hall with Senator McIlhinney's office and would follow up with the Committee at a future meeting.

Also under New Business, Susan Madian announced plans to start a book lending program called "The Little Free Library" in her neighborhood. She is hoping that the idea will spread. The Borough will help promote the program.

Old Business: Joe Flood again discussed a resolution recognizing youth sports coaches. Joe recommended, and the Committee agreed, that a single coach, Jack Lafferty, would be recognized at this time. After discussion, it was decided that this recognition would take the form of a proclamation in January.

Joe also reported on the Regional Task Force on Aging meeting that the Committee had asked him to attend. He will continue to attend these meetings.

Adjourned: 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis
Borough Manager

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