

## COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 11, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chairperson Don Berk, Joe Frederick, and Ben Bell. Also present was Borough Manager John Davis.

The **Minutes** of the October 4, 2018 meeting were approved.

Recorder of Deeds Robin Robinson was in attendance to present the Bucks County "Adopt-A-Book Program." The Recorder of Deeds' office is in the process of preserving history by restoring old deed books and is seeking financial assistance. The deed books were found in very poor condition and desperately in need of preservation and restoration before the damage was irreversible. After discussion, the Committee recommended that Council make a \$250 donation.

John next updated the Committee on the project to replace the current holiday decorations that are nearing the end of their useful life. Discover Doylestown and Borough Staff have tentatively selected a 3' lighted wreath and bow. The total cost for 150 wreaths would be approximately \$25,000 and would be split by the Borough and Discover Doylestown, net of whatever funds could be raised. The decorations would be purchased in early 2020 for the 2020 holiday season. A portion of the existing snowflake decorations would continue to be deployed on the entrance corridors and replaced by wreaths over time. The Borough has reached out to the Rabbis of both local synagogues to make sure the wreaths are considered inclusive and have received a positive response from one. The Committee tabled further action until Temple Judea was heard from.

John next updated the Committee on plans for an expanded 2019 Doylestown Music Fest which will potentially include an outdoor concert for the first time. The concert is tentatively scheduled to take place in Kenny's parking lot on Saturday, May 4. John will keep the Committee updated.

Lastly, the Committee discussed the proposal of the Human Relations Commission to sponsor "upstander training" to teach the community how to respond to incidents of bias motivated harassment when encountered. The Committee endorsed the training and voted to recommend that Council allocate \$325 for the training with the remaining cost to be provided by the anticipated 30 attendees at a cost of \$5 per person.

**Adjourned:** 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis  
Borough Manager

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