

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Members Joe Frederick, Wendy Margolis, Joe Flood, and Larry Browne, as well as Borough Manager John Davis, Mayor Ron Strouse, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien, Borough Fire Marshall Scott Fleischer, and CBRPD Chief Karl Knott.

The **Minutes** of the April 2021 meeting were not approved because they were not included in the packet.

Lacey Avenue Permit Parking Request: John reviewed this request, which involves the service station at Lacey and Union. At times, cars are parked on the street with and without current registration, while there for service. This causes a hardship for homeowners in the neighborhood regarding parking. While it would be best for the business to contain the cars to their property, there is not a current ordinance prohibiting registered and insured cars from parking on the street. Diane Bradley, property owner, as well as tenants of the property at Lacey Avenue and Church Street spoke on the struggle to find a parking spot close to their home. Parking on the street near their home is typically not available due to cars in various states of repair parked for long periods of time. The parking is occupied every day/24 hours a day. Chief Knott noted his officers are keeping a close eye on the cars parked in that area and are following procedures for uninspected cars to deem them as abandoned where appropriate, although that process can take a month to complete. The business owner has been contacted on numerous occasions with no results. The option now is to create a 'Resident Only' parking zone, which would allow the Police Department to ticket the cars as well as have the car removed immediately.

There are required studies to verify the number of cars parked in the possible permit parking zone that do not belong to residents. If those studies determine the zone is qualified for parking restrictions, the Public Safety Committee and Borough Council will have the task of deciding on the appropriate parking restrictions for that area. Until this process is completed, John and Chief Knott suggested the residents report uninspected cars parked on the street to the police department to address.

John will work on researching this issue a bit more, and the findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Events: There are several Distance Picnic on Pine and Pride events planned. There is also a 10K run planned by Doylestown Township, which runs through a small part of the Borough. The car show is planned on a smaller scale, as well as a wellness event connected to Pine to Pink. Villa Capri has planned small soccer block parties on two Sundays, and will be submitting permits. There is a smaller-scale Back the Blue event planned for this Sunday. Initially there was a walk planned as part of that event, but that was denied by CBRPD due to the lack of required insurance certificates.

Central Bucks Regional Police Commission Update: Mayor Strouse reviewed authorization by the Commission of the hiring of a new full time police officer to fill a vacancy. He is currently a part time officer. The CBRPD Foundation is wrapping up their brick sponsorship program.

New/Old Business: John confirmed the speed study results on West State Street near McCaffrey's showed very low speeds and virtually no reportable accidents on the street.

Jack brought to the Committee concerns from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; they are concerned with speeds on East State Street near the school, church and convent and would like to see a speed table installed. That is a state road, although a speed study would be beneficial. Chief Knott will work on getting radar boxes installed in that area along East State Street and Maple Avenue to gather data.

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.