

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Members Joe Frederick, Wendy Margolis, Larry Browne, and Joe Flood. Also in attendance were Borough Council member Jennifer Jarret, Borough Manager John Davis, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien, and Mayor Ron Strouse.

The **Minutes** of the March 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Browne-Flood)

Alternative Marijuana Enforcement Draft Ordinance

John noted the draft has not been revised since the last meeting. Borough Council approved the advertisement of the new ordinance and it is scheduled to be voted on at the next Borough Council meeting. Joe Flood noted he will be voting against the adoption of the ordinance.

New Harvey, Hamilton, and Doyle Permit Parking Study

John provided information on this issue, which is being revisited as it was an agenda issue last year as well. The requirements of a new permit parking area were not met through the parking study performed last year. CBRPD will again perform a study if requested. The next decision to be made would be the type of parking restrictions would work best for this area; there are several options such as Permit Only, Two-Hour Parking restrictions, or to include various days and times of day for these options.

Gino Merone and John Mack, residents of the area, attended to voice their concerns with the ongoing parking issues. Often, there are extra cars squeezed into spots meant for one car, parking into the yellow-painted and Stop sign areas. In response to a question from Pat Keppler, John explained while turning radius is a concern and there are zoning-related suggestions, there is not a legal requirement. The changes in parking fees at the County Parking Garage has caused more of an issue with employees of businesses in the area, although any requests of leniency regarding parking charges in the parking garage need to be directed to Bucks County.

On a motion from Joe Flood and seconded by Larry Browne, the Committee voted to forward a request to Borough Council to draft and advertise a Resident Parking Only zone for this area of Doyle Street during working hours, Monday through Friday.

Crosswalk at McCaffrey's

John explained this request would need to be approved by PennDot, as this is a State street. This would include concrete work to allow for handicapped access and would require distance from the traffic light. Wendy noted there is an existing crosswalk that needs to be repainted as is faded. John's concern is whether anyone would use it as people cross that street from all areas. This is a busy, congested area of State Street.

Kathy DiStefano, resident of North Franklin Street, is very concerned with the safety of that area including the parking lot of McCaffrey's. John will discuss these concerns with CBRPD and try to gain more information on incidents there. Also, there will be further discussion on possible signage.

Central Bucks Regional Police Commission Update

Mayor Strouse gave an update on the Commission's visit to the new Police Headquarters and the construction is moving along well. Mayor also reviewed his interactions in the State Municipal League's discussions on police issues. The 'Radar Bill' is moving forward in the State legislature although there are some concerns to be discussed, as well as the Act 111 discussion which involves Police Department reform regarding contract arbitration.

Old/New Business: None.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.