

ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2018
Minutes

The regular meeting of Elizabethtown Borough Council was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Office. Present were Councilmembers, Tom Shaud, J. Neil Ketchum, Jr., J. Marc Hershey, Phil Clark and Jeff McCloud. Also present were Borough Manager Roni Ryan, Assistant Borough Manager Ann Roda, Public Works Director Wayne DeVan, Planning and Zoning Director Pamela Craddock, Chief Cunningham, and Mayor Chuck Mummert. Absent was Council member Bill Troutman.

President Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Presentations

1. Deb Drury, Executive Director of the Elizabethtown Public Library, provided an update focused on literacy statistics and the importance of literacy at all ages. She also provided a handout to Borough Council members which provided an overview of STEM/STEAM/STREAM and highlighted a number of statistics on services provided by the library. At the conclusion of the update President Hershey asked how the number of cards issued and number of volunteers compares to previous years. Ms. Drury indicated that library cards are up from previous years and there is no change in volunteers as that number fluctuates.

Approval of Minutes

After a motion by Clark, second by Ketchum, minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved:

1. Regular Meeting – April 19, 2018
2. Work Session Meeting – May 3, 2018

Reports

1. The Financial Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Ketchum and second by McCloud.
2. The Fire Company responded to 64 calls during the month of April, 23 of which were in the Borough, with an average response time of 6 minutes 17 seconds.
3. Northwest EMS responded to 109 Borough calls during the month of April bringing the year-to-date total for Borough calls to 449.

Old Business

1. It was motioned by Shaud, seconded by Clark, to approve a 90-day extension for the review of the Conoy Crossing Phase 3 Land Development Plan. The revised review expiration date will be September 10, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

2. It was motioned by McCloud, seconded by Ketchum, to approve the Peach Alley Commons Final Land Development Plan with the following modifications and conditions:

Modifications -

- Section 303 - Preliminary Plan

Conditions-

- Applicant meet the conditions of the May 17, 2018 review comments of Hanover Engineering.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Borough Manager Roni Ryan and Ben Craddock, Lancaster Civil Engineering Company, provided a Complete Streets Transportation Plan update. The update provided a history and benefits of complete streets in Elizabethtown Borough and included revised complete street elements/conceptuals that could potentially be added on streets slated to be resurfaced in the next five years. It was noted that most comments from the May 3, 2018 Open House and submitted public comment related to on-street parking, so the conceptuals reflect parking on both sides of the street, a couple either remove parking on one side of the street or remove it completely. The revised drawings were presented as conceptuals that could apply to streets if they are deemed warranted, practical, and applicable to the street in consideration.

Following the presentation there was discussion that took place to address a number of questions asked by residents that were in attendance. These questions related to a number of topics including: sidewalks and parking lanes, the grant received by the Borough from PA WalkWorks, the costs associated with the potential street changes, the speed and noise of cars on Groff Ave, installation of stop signs or speed bumps, how there could be curb access by mail and garbage trucks across bike lane, enforcement (bicyclists and drivers) of the street design once it is implemented, if the conceptuals provided for adequate space for emergency response vehicles and the passing horse and buggies, and if the conceptuals were seeking to address a problem or being done for another purpose. Many residents also provided input on the conceptuals that ranged from appreciating the revisions to not supporting any of the presented options.

At the conclusion of the discussion, President Hershey noted that the revised conceptuals would be posted to the Borough website, asked the Elizabethtown Police Department to evaluate the speed on Groff, and indicated that this was the start of the discussion and that council would take into consideration the input received. It was also identified that Borough staff would seek ways for residents to receive communication on any next steps identified for the Complete Streets Transportation Plan.

New Business

1. It was motioned by McCloud, seconded by Ketchum, to approve Resolution 2018-6 imposing temporary on-street parking restrictions on both sides of East Willow Street between N. Market Street and Cherry Alley. The temporary parking restriction will be in effect from June 1, 2018 to September 1, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
2. It was motioned by Clark, seconded by McCloud, to approve Resolution 2018-7 authorizing the purchase of 56 N. Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA and authorizing

Borough Manager Roni Ryan to sign all documents related to the transaction. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills Payable

Motion by McCloud, second by Ketchum, to pay the bills and budgeted transfers as presented:

General Fund.....	\$195,178.52
Sewer Fund	\$187,462.83
Capital Reserve Fund	\$16,530.00
Train Station Fund	\$1,857.53
General Vehicle Sinking Fund.....	\$32,275.00
Subdivision Escrow Fund	\$4,727.34
Parks Fund	\$1,530.84

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

1. **Kirk Kreider, 343 Groff Ave**, commented on the complete streets conceptals. He was glad to see that the conceptual would not take away parking, commented on the speed of vehicles on the street, does not want to see urbanization of the neighborhood and also does not want to view the green lane in the neighborhood. He also commented on behalf of his neighbors that the conceptals should take into account amish buggies and farm equipment that often travels the upper end of Groff Ave, and that the character of the neighborhood should not be changed.
2. **Rick Vognetz, 135 E. Willow Street**, thanked borough council for having the meeting and modifying the proposal for Highlawn as it allows for parking on both sides.
3. **Joan Rebert, 338 Groff Ave**, the conceptals shown were an improvement from the previous version. Noted concern with the parking lane being in the middle of the street.
4. **Troy Shudy, 347 Groff Ave**, thanked borough council for the meeting and for there being no sidewalks planned. He asked if parking could be kept by curb and the bike/pedestrian strip be outside of that area. He also asked about having stop signs at each intersection to slow vehicles down.
5. **Bonnie Schmidt, 930 Groff Ave**, noted that Groff Ave provides for pedestrian walking. She noted that there has been an increase in traffic due to Bear Creek school and that if the Myer's farm gets sold that will affect traffic as well. She asked if there was a way to get pedestrians off of Route 230 and provide a more peaceful pathway/pedestrian bridge to S. Mount Joy Street.
6. **Bob Dangler, 745 Groff Ave**, stated that it is not safe to turn left onto Route 230 and that should be removed.
7. **Ted Reighard, 750 Hampden and 657 Groff Ave**, commented on the pedestrian bridge to S. Mt. Joy Street indicating that it was discussed years ago but there was concern from residents and AMP. He also noted that for the complete streets conceptals he was concerned with parking at the dog legs of Groff and noted that street parking is needed

for those homes that have single lane driveways. He also asked what the township would do for Campus Road and Ridge Road.

8. **Gary Barton, 525 Groff Ave**, asked for the street to be kept as original as possible and kept safe. He also thanked borough council for listening.
9. **Kirk Kreider, 343 Groff Ave**, added a comment about the repaving of the road and noted that any new paving would bring the road up in elevation and asked if milling would be considered.

President Hershey noted that the Complete Streets Transportation Plan is very much a journey and appreciated the public comment and discussion that occurred at the meeting. He also announced that following the adjournment of the meeting Council would hold an Executive Session to discuss a legal and personnel matter.

Adjourn

Following a motion by Ketchum, second by Clark, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Ryan
Borough Manager