

Boonsboro Public Safety Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 21, 2016

Present: Chair Rick Byrd, Terri Hollingshead; Marty Love, Kristy Smith; Councilman Sean Haardt; Boonsboro Police Chief Charles Stanford

Mr. Byrd called the meeting to order just at 7 PM.

Mr. David Lehr was in attendance to discuss the parking situation in the new lot by the library and sports fields. Parents and visitors to practices and games are parking in the lane rather than the parking spots, creating a safety hazard for all involved. Several potential solutions were recommended: encourage these folks to park in overflow at the library; consider a red curb; ask coaches and organizers of event to communicate the issue to parents, coaches and visitors. Sean Haardt will ask Megan to draft a letter to these organizations requesting that they ask parents, etc. to not park along the lane.

Kristy Smith moved to accept the March minutes. Seconded by Terri Hollingshead. Minutes accepted.

**Old Business**

Sean Haardt will take our recommendation regarding reducing the speed on Park Drive and Shafer Park Drive to 20 mph.

The three way stop at Ford Avenue and Saint Paul Street has been installed. Neighborhood reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. The installation has also brought questions up regarding additional stop signs at Orchard and Lakin. The commission members are charged with keeping anecdotal records of these comments in the event we wish to make this recommendation in the future.

It has been recommended that the PSC budget be increased to \$2,500 annually. We expect for that to be passed.

The Boonsboro Police Department's request to have HD cameras have been approved and installed in Shafer Park.

Invitation to SHA is pending. Topics: what we can and cannot recommend or change re: Main Street. How we recommend any changes. Speed limit in town limits, stop light at Alex Convenience Center, turning lane at Maple Avenue and Main Street, "jake brakes" in town limits.

**New Business**

Citizen concern: vaping and smoking in Boonsboro Parks. This is an issue for the Parks Commission, but the county has recently banned smoking and vaping in county parks.

Citizen concern: why isn't the town using more one way street options to address traffic issues. This is not a clear solution to our traffic problems.

We are officially registered for National Night Out. We will start making contact with some vendors to pencil in the date. Rick will speak with Dave Robbins at the DNR and Mike Myers, the magician. Sean has heard from the bookmobile. Terri will contact the DJ. We hope to distribute a list to divide and conquer at the May meeting.

Sean shared that he speedlimit sign on Young Avenue (near #9 Young Ave) needs to be replaced.

The red paint on curbs by fire hydrants needs to be updated.

The commission acknowledged Marty Love's role in helping the town procure signs from the county at significant savings.

### **Boonsboro Police Department Report**

Chief Stanford recommends that the stop signs lines around town be repainted. This is not a critical need, but could utilize summer staff to complete. The no parking signs on High Street still need to be replaced. The suggestion has been made to have one side of Orchard Drive designated as no parking.

Enhanced cameras that have been installed will increase town safety.

### **Boonsboro Fire Department Report**

There was no representation from the Fire Department. Marty Love reported on behalf of the department that Chief Griffith is working on a date for the continuation of the smoke detector installation project. Main Street will be the next neighborhood. It should be noted that this program requires coordination with the American Red Cross.

### **Mayor and Council Report**

Sean Haardt shared relevant news and issues from the Mayor and Council.

### **Other Discussion**

Kristy Smith will draft a thank you letter to Adna Fulton for Rick to sign. A photo for a press release was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Smith