

Boonsboro Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Present: Chair, Rick Byrd; Terri Hollingshead; Marty Love; Kristy Smith; Chief of Police Charles Stanford; Fire Dept. Rep. Steve Mohl; Council Member Sean Haardt

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

There were no citizens present to offer comment or concern.

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

Old Business

The no parking signs for Shafer Park Drive and Park Drive have been ordered. Mr. Haardt shared that the town had ordered a surplus as to have them on hand as the need arises.

Additional portable signage for the crosswalks was discussed at the most recent town workshop. The Public Safety Commission discussed the potential for other funding. Kristy shared the application information for State Farm Community Grants. There may be other items that could be added to the request, as the minimum amount is \$5,000. The application deadline is October 30. Mr. Haardt will pass the information on to Megan Clark. Kristy will look in to potential donor advised funding at the Community Foundation.

Chairman Byrd recommended that we continue to monitor potential grant opportunities.

The speed monitoring devices for Shafer Park Drive and Saint Paul Street are pending per Chief Stanford.

New Business

Terri Hollingshead brought to our attention that the sidewalks by Kristi's and Subway are uneven. Mr. Haardt made note of this to pass along.

Boonsboro Police Department Report

Chief Stanford has organized a town hall meeting regarding the heroin crisis for Wednesday, November 18th at Boonsboro High School. Flyers with complete information were distributed, and posters and other notifications are being printed. Members of the PSC commended Chief Stanford for taking a timely and pro-active step in bringing this programming to our town.

Boonsboro Fire Department Report

Mr. Steve Mohl was in attendance on behalf of the Boonsboro Fire Department. He will relay to the fire department that participants in the 9-11 parade should be reminded that throwing candy is inappropriate to the occasion of the parade.

Mr. Mohl also shared that there is a car habitually parked in a no parking area along High Street. That car could inhibit an emergency vehicle attempting to access houses and buildings in that area. Chief Stanford is aware of the issue, and stated that the no parking signs along High Street are faded and illegible. He will, however, speak to the resident involved. Mr. Haardt will share with Megan that those signs also need to be replaced.

Mayor and Council Report

Dates for January through June 2016, for which the town has requested assistance from fire police for traffic control, were distributed. It is understood that the sponsoring organizations of the events in question will be responsible for any fees incurred.

Speed humps for troublesome areas were discussed by the mayor and council, but were not readily embraced due to cost and maintenance.

The Mayor and Council were in favor of some type of Know Your Neighbor activity for National Night Out.

Other Discussion

Discussion regarding community service hours for Boonsboro High School students centered on difficulty in communication with the school regarding available projects here in town.

All were in agreement that some sort of youth recreation center or sports complex would be a great asset to our town.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Terri, seconded by Kristy at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Smith