

Columbia Borough
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
Paul Myers Council Chambers
September 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Sandra Duncan followed by Pledge to the U.S. Flag.

Committee Members Present: Sandra Duncan-Chair, Mike Beury, Jim Smith, Mary Barninger-Alternate.
Attending Officials: R. Sears, Mayor Lutz, N. Meiskey

There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of July 2011 meeting were presented by Chairwoman Duncan. Following review, it was motioned by Mike Beury and seconded by Jim Smith that the July minutes be approved. August 2011 minutes were also presented. Following comments by B.M. Meiskey and discussion by committee members it was motioned by Jim Smith and seconded by Mike Beury that the August minutes be approved with the necessary corrections to S.A.L.D.O. paragraph, Model feral cat ordinance first sentence (delete), and Street Opening Ordinance first sentence to correct to \$5,000 bond for other than utilities and \$50,000 bond. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Pat McGuinnes questioned borough Fencing Code and suggested that property lines should be a private property issue rather than borough legislated. The committee and B.M. Meiskey gave history of fencing Code and how setback was determined. It was also noted that the code permits that fencing can be installed on property line with concurrence of adjoining property owners with an easement agreement.

Airport Ordinance Update: B. M. Meiskey presented a draft ordinance and reported that the borough engineering firm is to provide necessary specifications. We may be able to collaborate and share costs with neighbor West Hempfield to complete this airport overlay and zones.

Official Map Update: B. M. Meiskey reported being discussed and revised by Planning Commission. To give report at next meeting.

S.A.L.D.O.: B.M. Meiskey gave update. Our consulting engineer working on providing cost to do revisions per changes in planning code. Lancaster County Planning Commission may have funds available to help with process.

Borough Speed Limit on Turned-back Streets: Ron Miller is certified to perform traffic studies and will work with borough Police Department. Once the Ironville Pike project is complete the plan is to do the traffic study on the turned back streets. B.M. Meiskey noted that the 9th Street traffic calming devices have made a positive impact to reduce speed.

Model Feral Cat Ordinance: Being revised by the Solicitor to reflect current borough practices and to include spade and neutering program of feral cats.

New Business:

Mike Beury presented information regarding BMV Handicap Parking Placard application form which may lead applicants to believe that no parking is allowed in the space by others. It was noted after much discussion that the form does state that the governing authorities **MAY** erect a sign reserved only for applicant with a disability.

It was motioned by Mike Beury and seconded by Jim Smith to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandra Duncan. Please bring any errors or omissions to my attention.