

WORK SESSION

April 1, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. Roll Call: Council President VanSciver, Council Vice President Raymond, Council Members Crawford, Edge- ABSENT, Lynch- Arrived Late, Smith, Vike- Arrived Late, Mayor McGlone - ABSENT

2. Council President announced that copies of the Agenda are available at the Press Desk. This is a Work Session of Council and, as such, there is no public forum scheduled; however, citizens/taxpayers are invited to offer comments during the discussion phase of each agenda item.

3. Presentation by Derek Stedman, Certified National Habitat Steward:

Mr. Stedman presented the background and mission of the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat program and made some literature available. Mr. Stedman advised a Certified Wildlife Habitat is not limited to a certain size and can include one's backyard, a community garden, a schoolyard or a business site. The purpose of the presentation was to request the Borough's assistance in promoting the Wildlife Habitat program. As a certified Steward, Mr. Stedman will assist those who want to implement a Wildlife Habitat and there is no charge for his services. Mr. Stedman advised one of the items they attempt to incorporate into all Wildlife Habitat is the use of native plant species.

Council President Van Sciver advised the Randolph Woods area was under a conservancy easement and would be an ideal location for certification. Tom Falcone of Green St. advised that the Boy Scouts had spent some time identifying various tree species amongst other work they have done in Randolph Woods. Council Member Smith asks what an individual can do to be involved in this program and Mr. Stedman advised anyone with some outdoor space can provide the 4 basic elements of a Wildlife Habit- food, water, cover and a place for wild species to raise their young. Council Member Crawford suggested perhaps the Borough Hall grounds could become a demonstration Wildlife Habitat. Council President Van Sciver requested if Mr. Stedman had any information he could forward in a format that could be incorporated into the Borough's website to help in promulgating the program. Mr. Stedman advised he would provide what information was available.

4. Council President Van Sciver recognized Helen M. McDonnell of 322 East King Street who stated she had concerns about the parking situation especially in light of the potential parking impact of the proposed East King Street development.

Council President Van Sciver advised that at this time there was not an official land development application presented to the Borough for the East King Street development, but that the potential developer had indicated in their presentation to Council that they would be providing off street parking for the development. Ms. McDonnell advised she and her son have had some difficulty parking near their house and a general discussion ensued concerning how parking permits could work to ameliorate such a situation and in particular if they could be issued for the municipal lot at Church St. Council Member Crawford, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, agreed to set up a meeting to discuss the parking permit situation throughout the Borough.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sidlick, 143 Channing Avenue, presented to Council their views on the residential parking permit discussion and indicated they are not in favor of residential parking permits.

6. Capital Projects:

Council President Van Sciver reviewed that past conversations regarding capital projects had established a priority for public safety issues such as the sidewalk network, subject to potential available funding from grants. Infrastructure improvements, such as storm water management issues, would follow with priority again being subject to potential available funding sources. Council Member Smith suggested we stay in touch with our State and Federal Congressional Representatives to inquire about funding sources.

7. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Raymond and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Woody Van Sciver
Acting Secretary