
R. Shiles called the meeting to order at 7:02 P. M., with the pledge to the flag. The agenda for the meeting included discussion of the DCNR Grant for the GR Park, permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot by Immanuel UM Church for an event, 2013 draft budget, and possible parking permits for the municipal parking lot.

R. Shiles provided a brief overview of the DCNR Grant phone conversation from September 25; Council discussed the potential additional engineering costs associated with completion of the design and meeting all grant requirements. L. Cadwallader moved to coordinate with the solicitor regarding the proper procedure for withdrawing from the DCNR Grant, and regretfully withdraw from the DCNR Grant, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried. The GR Recreation Board members concurred with Council’s recommendation to withdraw.

Immanuel UM Church has requested use of the Municipal Parking Lot for an event on October 27, 3-7PM. Council questioned whether the park was considered as a possible location. The majority of present Council members were in favor of the event being held in the municipal lot, as long as there was a valid reason for holding the event in the downtown area.

Council discussed many contributing factors to the current unbalanced budget for 2013. The rising cost for Police Services continues to be a barrier. In order to balance the 2013 budget, Council may have to consider raising taxes and/or establishing a cap for Police Services. In order to withdraw from the Police Contract for 2014 Council will have to hold a Town Hall Meeting, to hear public comments. B. Wetzel moved to advertise for a Town Hall Meeting on November 14, 2012 at 7 PM to discuss the continuation of SR Police Services through current contract in 2014 and/or raising taxes in 2013, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion unanimously carried. Council briefly discussed the Growing Greener II Grant and outlined expenses.

R. Apgar moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 P. M., seconded by L. Cadwallader. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer