

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 17

The City of Germantown Council and German Township Trustees met in work session on February 6, 2017 at 6:37 p.m. at the Germantown Senior Center, 33 North Cherry.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present: Mayor Stephen Boeder, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Robert Rettich, IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Ben DeGroat, German Township Trustee; Jacob Stubbs, German Township Trustee; Mark Cross, German Township Trustee; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors. Mark Keener, German Township Fiscal Officer arrived at 7:56 p.m.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Bob McClain, Buckeye Court, questioned the Trustees why the Township Levies are not being placed on the ballot a year in advance like they have in the past. Mr. DeGroat replied that they did not want to compete with the other levies on the ballot. The Senior Levy, Parks Levy and Pool Levy have never had any issues passing in the past.

Mr. McClain provided Council and Trustees with information regarding the Bicentennial Clock. He explained that there is a time capsule located at the base of the clock and would like to have a plaque made. He suggested that it include a date for the time capsule to be opened. Mr. McClain will move forward with proposed wording for the plaque to be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

BUSINESS:

Senior Center Levy

Council and the Trustees discussed/reviewed the funds that are being collected by Montgomery County. The budget reflects that the Center is using more money than what the levy is collecting.

Mr. Kuhn suggested looking into a replacement levy that would collect monies from current home values. The consensus was that the Township would contact Montgomery County to get updated numbers on a replacement levy and a renewal levy.

The Senior Oversight will meet at the end of February to discuss the proposed changes to the Senior Oversight Levy.

Joint Projects with Township and City-Butter Street

Mayor Boeder stated he would like to see the Township and Council look into joint projects. He suggested a sidewalk along Butter Street.

Council and the Trustees discussed the idea of a proposed sidewalk. This could be a project for the next five years. Staff will look into the details for this project.

Mayor Boeder suggested also looking into the Dry Run project in the next 5 to 10 years.

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Pool Levy

Council and the Trustees discussed the funds that are being collected by Montgomery County. The consensus was that the Township would contact Montgomery County to get updated numbers on a replacement levy and a renewal levy. If the levy were collecting more money than major, improvements would be considered.

Proposed JEDD

Mr. Wafzig stated that the City has hired an Attorney to write a proposed JEDD for the parties involved in the relocation of schools within the Valley View District. He would like to see everyone involved review the proposed JEDD in the next few weeks so that it would be in place by the May election. Staff will organize a meeting of all parties involved.

Smoking Ban in Public Parks

Council and the Trustees discussed the proposed smoking ban in the parks. Staff will look into the designated areas that will allow smoking and signage.

Camp Miami

Mayor Boeder stated that no firm plans have been made for the Camp Miami property. The City may look into joint projects with neighboring landowners.

Other Business

Mr. Cross stated that the City has a stray cat problem and would like to review the contract between the City and the Montgomery County Animal Rescue Center. He would like to see the strays neutered and released back into the population.

Mr. Cross questioned if the City had considered allowing marijuana to be grown or dispensed in the city limits. The Law Director replied that the City has a moratorium in place regarding marijuana.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Rettich moved to adjourn the meeting.

The work session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor