

President Abby Wertz called the February 19, 2013 workshop meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag. Council Members present were Harvey Marshall, Frank Schnee, Ron Becker, Dave Rohrbach, Mike Kocher and Bob Pierce. Also attending the meeting was Secretary Lisa Heilman and Police Chief Scott Wagner. Mayor Randy Gartner was absent.

VISITORS & CITIZENS -. Josh Babura, Pioneer Hose Company #1, Robesonia Rec Board Representatives, Mike Zerbe, Richard Dissinger and Billy Pope and Pastor Bill Weiser of Trinity Lutheran Church.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Pastor Bill Weiser had approached Council at the February 4th Council meeting seeking input on the idea of a joint effort between Trinity Lutheran Church and the Borough in staging a larger Halloween Parade. Both the Borough Council and the Rec Board were receptive to the idea. The subject of safety of the parade participants lead to the discussion of the best route to follow in order to keep the parade off of Penn Avenue. The favored route seemed to be starting at the Friends of the Furnace property on Freeman Street and proceeding to Meadow Avenue, south onto Church Street, east onto West Ruth Avenue (possibly passed a reviewing stand set up at the playground?), south onto South Robeson Street, ending at Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Bill suggested that Trinity would then, probably, have hot dogs, drinks, etc at the church. Prizes to be given? Local civic and community organizations will be contacted about participating in the parade. Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons were discussed as possible days to hold the event in order to not compete with Wernersville or Womelsdorf's parades. Billy Pope and Ron Becker agreed to serve on a committee with Pastor Bill and representatives from the church to serve as liaisons for the Borough Council and Rec Board.
- B. The expansion of the tot lot was discussed. Pastor Bill suggested an integrated system be considered and that we work with one of the companies that builds the plastic integrated systems to come up with a design and projected cost. Secretary will get addresses of two integrated design structures and provide to Council for them to visit. Council suggested we consider expanding to the west, taking out the first tennis court and repairing the remaining two tennis courts. Grant money will be sought to help with the expansion. This will be an ongoing process.
- C. Chief Wagner sought Council's permission to contact the Animal Rescue League to negotiate for the two Borough's and the WBRPD to pay the \$1,000 requested by the ARL for continued animal pick-up. Council agreed.

On a motion by Mr. Kocher, second by Mr. Pierce and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa K. Heilman
Borough Secretary