



Borough of Lansdale  
Public Safety Committee  
Minutes  
July 7, 2021  
6:30 pm  
1 Vine Street  
Suite 201  
Lansdale, PA 19446

**Attendees:**

Marianne Morgan	Brian Derbishire	Derek Lightcap
Mike and Sue Sarnocinski	Scott Saulca	Meg Currie Teoh
Ryan Weiss	Deoenico Desanto	Andrew Carrol
Rick Soloman	Corinne Mayland	Michael Trail
Ed Mullen	Helen & Bruce Schwartz	Garry Herbert
Scott Crushmough	Mark Ladly	

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

**I. Old Business:**

- A. The committee approved the PS meeting minutes from June 2021 PS Meeting by a vote of 2-0**
- B. North Line Street speed study: Chief Trail advised the committee the speed study for North Line Street was completed and indicated a high level of enforcement. LPD has been working on speed enforcement details and will re-evaluate their efforts in a speed study this fall. LPD will also work with Hatfield Twp to install signage for the “25 MPH Speed Zone Ahead”**
- C. The chief advised the committee that LPD was able to offer two conditional offers of employment for two new police officers. One officer started last week, and the second officer will start on July 26, 2021.**

**II. New Business:**

- A. The committee reviewed and approved the Special Event Application for Round Guys Brewing for the closure of Courtland Street between South Wood Street and Susquehanna Ave. for performances on 7/10, 8/7, and 9/11, from 4 pm to 11 pm, by a vote of 2-0.**
- B. The committee reviewed and discussed the Special Event Ordinance and specifically making changes to the ordinance and updating it as it was written several years ago under the**

direction of Chief McDyre and the former fire marshal. The chief and new fire marshal will work on some revisions for the committee to review during the September PS meeting.

- C. The Chief advised the committee of LPD's process for seeking accreditation with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the need to draft an ordinance relating to Summary Arrest Powers to meet the standards. The committee voted 2-0 to approve the prepare and advertise for the ordinance.
- D. The chief led a discussion on the use of portable basketball nets that have been seen all over the community with kids playing in the street. The vehicle code and local ordinance do prohibit the placement of such devices in public streets and sidewalk, the chief does not believe there is a need to create a specific ordinance banning portable basketball nets but rather an increase in public awareness on the dangers posed to kids playing in the street. LPD's CSU will work on a public ad campaign and share it with the borough.

### III. Public Comment

Corinne Mayland, related to the committee of her concern for speeding vehicles on Whites Road and advocated for the installation of a flashing radar speed sign to calm traffic. The chief related a traffic study would be completed and he would investigate the cost of the radar speed sign.

Sue Sarnocinski related to the committee her fears of speeding vehicles in the West Ward not obeying stop signs and of speeding vehicles on through streets. Sue requested the borough consider four-way stop signs at all intersections in the West Ward. The chief related to the group of the requirements for four-way stop signs and advised LPD is working to increase enforcement in the area.

Mike Sarnocinski related to the committee the excessive detonation of fireworks in the borough not only during the holidays but, year-round. The chief informed the group of the significant enforcement challenges posed by the new fireworks laws and requested concerned citizens write their elected representatives to repeal the new fireworks legislation which was recently passed in Harrisburg. The chief also advised the group that LPD did issue citations for fireworks violations over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend.

Mark Derbyshire, wanted to thank the committee on passing the Round Guys Special Event application and LPD for their help with these events.

Rick Solomon, wanted to thank the borough for the installation of the three new 15-min parking spots on Madison Street but also asked for additional signage and increased PM enforcement hours. The chief advised that the Lansdale Parking Authority has begun a comprehensive parking study and suggested we wait for the results of that study to undertake a more holistic approach to the matter.

Ed Mullen, related to the committee that he has observed numerous violations of the stop sign at the intersection of East Fifth Street and Crestview Ave and asked if the borough could possibly work to paint a stop line for each of the stop signs at the intersection. The chief advised he would work with public works to get that completed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

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