

**WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – JANUARY 12, 2012
6:30 P.M. @ TOWN HALL**

Present: Mayor Doc Davis, Council members, Peggy Leight, Sarah Welch, Wayne Hester, Randy Mendenhall, Town Manager Scott Snow, and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer. Also present representing the Walkertown Little League were League President Eric Freeman and League Treasurer Mark Martin.

Mayor Davis opens the workshop with a prayer and calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. WALKERTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

The Walkertown Little League has requested to meet with the Council regarding the planned building of a new equipment storage building at Wickenham Park. The league is in the 11th year of a 20 year lease.

The 24ft. X 36ft. X 12ft. cinder block maintenance building would be located on the flat area near the tree line on back of the 18 acre site owned by the Town. The building would resemble the existing building, which houses the concession stand and restrooms. The new building would house the leagues field and ground keeping equipment.

Eric estimates the cost of grading, concrete floor (\$3,600) and construction materials for an all block building to be \$28K. A metal building with a block foundation would be ~\$15.6K. Rough-in power, insulation etc. would be done later. He thinks the league could pay off the cost within a year.

Doc reminds them that any permanent structure built on Town property would be owned by the Town.

Wayne: I think the Town should pay for the building since we will own it.

Peggy: I think the block building would be best. We could either pay \$15K and the League pay the balance or the Town could pay \$28K to build the block building.
You would need to get a permit. It shouldn't be hard.

Scott: The hard part is passing the inspections.

Eric: The League will pay for the wiring and insulation.

Doc: We have some money already in the budget for recreation. The rest could come from the Hotel Occupancy funds.

Scott: We have \$10K in the budget plus \$2K in donations for recreation. We would have to amend the budget to account for the \$26K.

MOTION: THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN WILL PROVIDE FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$26K TOWARD A BLOCK BUILDING TO BE BUILT BY THE WALKERTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE AT WICKENHAM PARK.

BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(Hester, Leight, Mendenhall, Welch)

Eric: We need an efficient way to separate and re-cycle our cans and plastic bottles. We have too many of them to do it by hand. The containers with separate compartments are expensive.

Mark: We would sell the alum. cans.

Doc: State law says you can't throw plastic bottles in the trash. What about 55ga. drums?

Gary: We might be able to use plastic drums, the metal ones are too heavy and awkward. Then we would need a large container to dump the plastic bottles into.

Doc: Get with Scott to see about leasing a large container.

2. WASTE INDUSTRIES CONTRACT RENEWAL

Scott: The current contract with Waste Industries for solid waste management will expire on June 30th, 2012. We can re-new for 3 years with no increase the 1st year or send out for bids.

Peggy: What about the 2nd & 3rd years? They would likely increase due to the fuel tax increase.

Scott: Probably, we would have to negotiate.

Doc: Are you satisfied with their service?

Scott: Yes.

MOTION: RE-NEGOTIATE THE THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH WASTE INDUSTRIES RATHER THAN PUTTING THE CONTRACT OUT FOR BIDS.

BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(Hester, Leight, Mendenhall, Welch)

3. TOWN CENTER PARK PLAYGROUND

Scott refers to the agenda packet. He has included the custom designed playground by Playgrounds of America. The estimate includes Voltage series play set which meets CPSC safety standards, IPEMA certified playground mulch, Columbia 40' Gazebo/custom concrete, trash receptacles, park grills, benches, picnic tables, all shipping and installation.

Doc: There are no swings. We want swings.

Scott: Since construction estimates were under budget there would be money for swings. Swings take up a lot of space. Could be insurance issues.

Doc: We need a plaque to thank donors to the park like Spencer Waggoner. We need to write letters to those in charge of various accounts in the community who might be interested in donating to the Town Park. The Junior Arts Fund, Friends of The Park and the Community Center fund come to mind. Scott, you and Rusty work on that.

Sarah: We should put all the names on the plaque that donate to the park.

Peggy: We could show potential donors the gym sets w/cost and ask for a contribution.

Wayne: We could do the same thing with the gazebo.

4. BOOE HOUSE RENTAL POLICY

Scott refers the Council to the three contracts (WALKERTOWN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT) in the agenda packet for review. He asks for any changes or additions.

Peggy: Line 11; add books and knick-knacks to the list of not to be removed.

Doc: We need to label our stuff still at the Historical Society.

Randy: The gas logs should be turned on by employees only.

Wayne: We should get a lock box on the thermostat.

Doc: We need to have a way to get to the second floor besides using a ladder. Maybe build steps in the back.

Peggy: Or a hole in the ceiling.

Wayne: Pull down steps inside would be easier and more convenient.

The Council discusses where to locate the pull down steps. No firm decision was voted on.

Sarah: I think \$20/hr. for residents is a little high. The Council agreed and made the following changes.

RESIDENT: HOURS 1 & 2 @ \$20/HR; ADDITIONAL HOURS @ \$10/HR
NON-RES. : HOURS 1 & 2 @ \$40/HR; ADDITIONAL HOURS @ \$20/HR

RESIDENT FULL DAY: \$100.
NON-RES. FULL DAY: \$200.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE THREE CONTRACTS (RESIDENT, NON-RESIDENT, WALKERTOWN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS) AS WRITTEN INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

**RESIDENT: HOURS 1 & 2 @ \$20/HR; ADDITIONAL HOURS @ \$10/HR
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VOTE: UNANIMOUS
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The Council sets the Maximum Occupancy at 50.

5. 2012 FALL FESTIVAL MEETINGS

Will be on the 2nd Monday of the month @ 4:00 @ the Town Hall

Doc: Asks Scott about last year's Fall Festival finances.

Scott: We had in the budget \$8K, spent \$10K, made \$5K.

Doc: Let's change the budget to \$10K for 2012/2013.
We should have a revenue line of \$5K in budget.

Doc: I have Fire Department T-shirts for sale in my office. Cost \$12.

Doc: Are you interested in stopping the NO SHOOTING ORDINANCE?

Discussion with no firm decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by motion of Randy Mendenhall at 8:30 p.m. with Wayne Hester seconding. The motion passed unanimously.
(Hester, Leight, Mendenhall, Welch)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk