

Columbia Borough Council
Safety committee meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016

Members attending: Barry Ford, chair; Mary Barninger, vice chair and Steph Weisser, member.
Others in attendance: Council members Murphy, Welsh and Berntheizel; Chief Jack Brommer; Mark Fritz, president of the Columbia Fire Department, Jeffrey Helm, Columbia Code Enforcement Officer; Greg Sahd, borough manager and Steve Dodd, an architect for a proposed project at 1280 Franklin St., Columbia.

Facility use requests reviewed and passed onto full council for approval were:

- SVCC, Fourth Friday Feast, April 22, 4:30-9 p.m., Locust Street, 400 block of Locust Street.
 - SVCC, 35th annual Antique, Art and Craft Show, 5 a.m.-5 p.m., June 25 with a rain date of July 9, Locust Street, Second to Sixth.
 - SVCC, Feet in the Street Art Show, 500 block of Locust St., Sept. 23 from 4-8:30 p.m.
 - SVCC, Bridge Bust, Route 462 Bridge, Oct. 1 with a rain date of Oct. 15, 4 a.m. To 6 p.m.
 - SVCC, 5K River Run, May 28, 7-10:30 a.m.
 - SVCC, 5K Fall Flash, Nov. 5, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- Above three are for 462 Bridge plus Chestnut Street from Second to Third streets.
- SVCC, sixth annual Chiques Challenge, River Park Kayak area and Pavillion, Aug. 13, 7-11 a.m.

All approvals were given pending receipt of certificate of insurance.

Reports were reviewed.

Status updates: committee asked Chief Brommer for the status of the DCED study on the operations of the police department and the Cops in School grant program applied for by the Columbia School District. The chief said data is still being gathered for the DCED study and the Cops in School grant was approved by the borough had received nothing in writing. It was suggested that a combined meeting of the borough council and school board be scheduled to discuss the issue.

Chief Brommer also reviewed his monthly report to the council. Highlights were that the American Legion donated \$7,000 for the purchase of equipment for the department. He displayed a ballistic shield that was among items purchased. The chief also noted officers administered Naloxone to a heroin overdose patient on Feb. 1, which resulted in a safe. Also, Brommer noted the work of his officers who responded to a stabbing on Jan. 15.

Brommer said a thank you note was sent to the American Legion and the officers involved in the Naloxone save and the stabbing would be recognized at the March 14 meeting of Columbia Borough Council.

President Fritz reviewed the monthly report of the Fire Department. He asked for a status update of the former fire department property at 137 South Front Street and announced the former Columbia Fire Police building on South Second Street was under contract. He also reported a DCED grant to re-letter the fire department apparatus is being held up by the state budget. The former "small" rescue truck was sold by the department to a fire company in New Jersey and the current fire chief's vehicle was turned over from the borough to the fire department.

He also reported on the new radio equipment, stating some bugs need to be worked out but overall the new system is working.

Also discussed were the need for transponders for traffic lights at the following intersections: Fifth and Locust, Fourth and Locust, Third and Chestnut, 15th and Lancaster Avenue, and two locations on Route 441.

Steve Dodd, representing Jon Zajac, who wants to put a gym in a property at 1280 Franklin St., the old Beacon Shoe factory. Zajac's plan is to use a portion of the first floor for a gym and he was seeking a variance dealing with a placement of a handicap parking space at 13th and Franklin street. After discussion and reviewing the plans, the safety committee on a motion approved the installation of the sign on the first spot at 13th and Franklin streets.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.