

Planning for 2009 and Beyond...Looking Ahead

Borough council members and key staff met in April, May, and August to discuss and develop near and long term goals. The first session on April 18th was dedicated to reviewing each area of the borough's operations, identification of strengths and opportunities for improvement. This work continued on May 2nd and priorities were established. It was at these meetings that your council members developed and agreed upon the mission statement of:

“Serve and protect the quality of life of our citizens, be fiscally responsible and promote a prosperous business environment.”

The priorities were ranked and each focus area was assigned a desired target year for implementation. As we focus our attention to the 2009 budget, your council members will be working to incorporate the identified priority areas for 2009.

Streets Committee: Pursue a dedicated pedestrian walk light at 12th and Market, solve 12th and Indiana site distance problem, work with PennDOT to improve safety and traffic flows on Lowther, Market and State Street, install ADA ramps on Hummel, institute curb repair/replace plan with scheduled street paving, add more street trees and replace/update Holiday decorations.

Sewer Committee: Repair/relocate collapsed main at Memorial Park, continue planning required to comply with clean water act that ultimately will result in the rebuild of a sewer plan in future years. Evaluate existing method for sewer and refuse billing and rates and continue to improve collections rate. Implement the planned build out of the Northside Pump Station.

Ordinance/Zoning: Improve sign ordinance, develop property maintenance ordinance, develop rental property maintenance ordinance, evaluate code enforcement software, codify ordinances. Strengthen code enforcement processes and reporting.

Fire & Police: Continue to look for economies of scale by partnering with neighbors. Evaluate Herman Ave fire station and develop a centralized replacement plan.

Parks & Recreation: Continue to plant new trees to replace aging trees, light flag pole at Fort Couch, evaluate feasibility of providing for permanent toilet facilities at Memorial and Negley Parks, add drinking fountains, add or move playground equipment, finish walking paths, add electric service to Negley Park ball field. Continue to evaluate ways to increase pool usage and develop funding sources for pool rebuild.

Administration: Install a generator at borough building, develop a volunteer recognition program, develop a volunteer work program, develop programs to encourage community building and business development, and continue organizational assessment and staffing needs.

Revitalization: Continue work on coordinated streetscape master plan, identify sources of funding, start work on developing a long-term downtown parking facilities and management plan, establish and enhance strong working relationships with major property owners, business owners, community groups to implement downtown programs and projects. Begin work on developing a downtown profile, create “welcome to downtown” kits for new residents and businesses, develop a marketing program and branding for downtown, and enable liquor licensing and alcoholic beverage sales in Lemoyne Borough through the 2009 primary election ballot question.