

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN
WORK SESSION
MAY 18, 2011**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in work session on May 18, 2011 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Bruton, Vice President Brinton, Councilors Gazzo, Benner, Smith and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor Rau and members of Borough staff.

President Bruton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss legal issues.

Approval of Council Minutes (May 4, 2011) – Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2011; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Georgio Malle, 149 E. Lancaster Ave. – Mr. Malle presented a drawing to Council showing awnings he would like to install on his restaurant to enhance the sidewalk dining area. President Bruton informed Mr. Malle, he would need to follow the protocol and present his drawing to the Planning Commission and/or Zoning Hearing Board for review and approval.

Lois Lehr, 361A E. Lancaster Ave. – Mrs. Lehr handed Council pictures of wooden fences located on other properties in the area and asked President Bruton how he intended to keep his fence from turning black. President Bruton stated he would maintain the fence.

Deferred Business

Planning Commission Correspondence – Defer

New Business

Ordinance 2011-05 Solar Energy (Defer) – Vice President Brinton made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2011-05. After discussion, the motion was rescinded. Council will refer the ordinance back to the Planning Commission to review the CCPC comments received in their May 13, 2011 letter. The Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 24, 2011.

403 E. Lancaster Ave. (Fence) – President Bruton recused himself and turned the meeting over to Vice President Brinton. Mr. Bruton provided a handout to Council and requested approval to construct a 6 ft. high privacy fence on his property. Mr. Yuhas informed Council the fence specifications are in compliance with the ordinance, however; the property is located in the Central Business/Historic Overlay District requiring Council approval. Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the construction of a fence at 403 E. Lancaster Ave.; motion carried 5-0 (President Bruton abstained).

Vice President Brinton turned the meeting over to President Bruton.

15 Green St (Exterior Paint Color) – Defer

800 E. Lancaster Ave. (Special Event Sign) – Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the placement of a special event sign at 800 E. Lancaster Ave.; motion carried unanimously.

May 25, 2011 Borough Council Work Session – President Bruton announced the May 25th work session is cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 1, 2011.

Adjournment

Vice President Brinton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Stephen T. Sullins

Borough Secretary