



Yeadon Borough Committee Report

Committee Name: Code Enforcement

Committee Chair(s): Councilwoman Tomeka Jones-Waters and Liana Roadcloud

Meeting Date(s): 2/6/18

Attendees: T. Waters, L. Roadcloud, C. Johnson, J. Sumbler, D. Givens, O. Wooten, D. Wright, N. Barnwell, R. Cave, Aaron __, S. Council, R. Austin, F. McDonald

Summary Narrative

On 2/6/18 the above named individuals attended the Code Committee Meeting. These meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. We discussed the procedures of Code enforcement relating to issues that are plaguing our community such as trash, snow removal, blocking parking spaces, sanitary overflow, abatements, parking of rigs/trailers on residential streets, and excessive handicap parking permits per block. Jud Sumbler along with his colleagues educated us on the procedures they are required to follow according to law. It appears that the Code Dept. is very limited in performing their job due to several reasons; lack of ordinance, outdated ordinance; or delayed justice system. Examples were given and suggestions were made. We also discussed compiling a list of “hot spots” and tackling same collectively as opposed to one at a time. We again discussed ensuring that the handicap parking signs are in compliance with state law. We were advised that the police department is responsible for parking enforcement. Code would like for another department to handle handicap applications. It was mentioned that the police department use to handle same.

Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)

- Ensuring that handicap parking signs comply with state law
- Appoint individuals to the Zoning Board

Current Action Items

- Speak with Justice Keith Williams to discuss how code matters can be scheduled within thirty (30) days of being filed with the court as opposed to months
- Ask the solicitor if it is feasible to decrease the time frame to remedy simple violations, i.e. instead of giving a violator 7 days to remove a mattress, decrease same to 48 hours
- Compile a list of “hot spots”
- Request that council create a sub-committee to address blight (i.e., possible purchase of vacant homes after 2 years, etc.)

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Formal Motions to the Council

- Define “vacant homes” in the ordinance for abatement and/or blight purposes
- Create an ordinance charging a yearly fee against property owners for vacant homes
- Create an ordinance limiting the number of handicap parking per block
- Increase fines for code violations
- Include rigs, trailers, hitches in the ordinance prohibiting certain vehicles from being parked on residential streets

Next Meeting Date: 3/6/18 at 6:00 p.m.

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