

**HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL
PRESS RELEASE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

Hanover Borough Council met on Wednesday September 16th and 23rd, 2020. The following are the highlights of the meetings:

BOROUGH COUNCIL ACTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPEN SPACE GRANT AWARDED: The Borough of Hanover was just awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant of \$40,000 was awarded to the Borough to develop a Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan. A request for proposals was sent to several firms to develop the plan. The RFP requests that opportunities for new types of recreation, to include a skate park and a lacrosse field, be explored. Hanover Borough Council is expected to accept a proposal in late 2020 with the work to begin in 2021.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT: Hanover Borough Council designated Trick or Treat Night in the Borough as Tuesday October 27, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM; those wishing to participate should remember to turn their porch lights on; Council recommends following CDC guidelines, which lists trick or treating as a moderate risk activity; families are encouraged to make their own decisions regarding the activities, but if participating to prepare individually wrapped goodie bags that can be lined up for trick-or-treaters to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard); Council and the CDC further recommend when preparing goodie bags, to please [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.

RULES REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS: Council adopted Rules for Public Meetings for members of Borough Council and the public.

DRAFT 2021 BUDGET: Council heard a presentation from the Borough Manager and the Finance Director on a first draft of the 2021 Borough Budget. Borough Council will continue to discuss the budget through the fall.

PARKING STUDY: Council heard a presentation on a study of parking in the Borough including alternative plans for downtown parking.

NORTHPOINTE: Council authorized the Solicitor to prepare a revised deed of dedication and easement agreement for the Northpointe stormwater conveyance facilities to the Borough of Hanover through a Resolution to be considered at the October 28, 2020 meeting of Borough Council.

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: Council authorized the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to update the IPMC to the 2015 version.

TRANSIENT RETAIL ORDINANCE: Council authorized the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to replace the outdated Peddler's License Ordinance.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Council approved sending letters of support regarding solar energy to legislative delegation.

APPOINTMENT: Appointed Brett Hoffacker to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Governors

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS: Council approved a Special Events permit for Prayer in the Park at Wirt Park on September 26th from 8:30 to 11 AM and the following revised list of events for Main Street Hanover:

- i. Sept. 25 Fall Friday - Bank Lane Closure 3pm-10pm
- ii. Oct. 2 Food Truck Friday in the Park - Wirt Park/lot/electric 3pm-7pm
- iii. Oct. 9 Spooky Spirits Pop Up Sip & Stroll - Bank Lane Closure 3pm-10pm
- iv. Oct. 16 Fall Friday - Bank Lane Closure 3pm-10pm
- v. Oct. 23 Halloween Scavenger Hunt - Bank Lane Closure 3pm-10pm
- vi. Oct. 30 Fall Friday - Bank Lane Closure 3pm-10pm
- vii. Dec 12 Holiday Stroll - Bank Lane Closure 11am-10pm