

Government Study Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2013

Committee members in attendance: William Berwick, Bert Lennon, Philip Shevlin, David Sheridan, Blake Wilson, Robert Winston, Kenneth Womack, Stephen Hughes, Alternate, John Sacrison. Absent from the meeting was James Flower.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a statement was given from Mrs. Dawn Flower in the absences of Jim Flower, requesting that he not be nominated for a leadership role on the commission due to his inability to attend the first few meetings.

David Sheridan was nominated as chairperson for the commission by Stephen Hughes and second by Philip Shevlin. Mr. Sheridan declined the positions due to his being out of town on occasion.

Ken Womack was nominated as chairperson by Blake Wilson and seconded by Philip Shevlin. Mr. Womack accepted the position and the commission unanimously voted to appoint Ken Womack as chairperson.

The commission then nominated David Sheridan as vice chair. Mr. Sheridan accepted the nomination and the commission unanimously voted to appoint David Sheridan as vice chair.

The commission vote to elect a Secretary/Treasurer for the commission. Robert Winston was nominated and unanimously voted to appoint him to this position.

Following are the action points for the Commission that originated from the meeting:

- Joyce Stone, the Borough secretary will check on the budget, what has been spent, and what remains available.
- The Commission will schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, August 6th, to gather public input.
 - In preparation for the public meeting, the Commission will create a presentation to educate the citizens with the purpose of the Government Study Commission.
- Ken Womack contact DCED about having a DCED representative with Home Rule expertise come to one of the commissions meetings to discuss the commission process to include current Home Rule communities, the timeline, and problems/opportunities in the process.
- Commission members will review the seven steps in the process found on page 18 of the PA DCED publication on Home Rule and be prepared to refine our timeline.
- Commission members will review the optional forms of government found on pages 76-111 of the PA DCED publication on Home Rule and be prepared to discuss how we will evaluate those as being suitable or unsuitable for the Borough of Carlisle.

- Commission members will be prepared to discuss who we want to interview as part of the research step in the process.

Present at the meeting was Mr. Roger Spitz who thanked the commission for taking on the task of Government Study Commission.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Stone
Borough Secretary