

**Town of University Park
Council Committee on Public Facilities and Services
Thursday, July 15, 2021**

Minutes

In attendance: Roland Stephen (chair), Laurie Morrissey, Martha Wells, David M. McGaughey, Mary Gathercole, Town Administrator David Deutsch.

Call to order at 7:30pm

David Deutsch gave a background briefing on the purchase of the U.P. Public Works garage. He noted that actions to complete this purchase were to be considered by the council at its next meeting

Question: How is the property insured? Through a local government consortium

Director of Public Works is developing a short, medium, and long-term wish list to improve the efficiency of the site.

Dead storage on the U.P. lot next to town hall will improve operational efficiency. Many vehicles not being serviced are parked at town hall.

Committee members expressed a keen interest in touring town hall.

The garage to be purchased was being leased on a rolling 3-year basis, then month to month.

The purchase would be allowable under the recovery act

\$2.1 million coming from ARPA Obligate by 2024, and to be spent by 2026

It is proposed that some funds (>\$200k?) be allocated to I-Net, a public service broad-band infrastructure

Additional funds for stormwater

Protecting the viability of the network a strong recommendation of the Town Atty. Hard to price, lots of unknowns.

\$200k is held by the town from franchise fees

Recovery act \$\$ can be used for Route 1 cares

Roland Stephen solicited ideas for the future work of the committee:

- Town Hall
 - Staff facilities
 - Accessibility
 - Meeting space
- Storm water
- Park Facilities
 - Tot lot
 - Pickle Ball
 - Park plan
 - Amphitheatre
 - Rest rooms
 - 501 3c
 - Benches
 - Grants
- Rain gardens, landscaping/grass medians
- Bridges
- Wayfinding for vehicles, bikes, pedestrians

Any park discussion overlaps with the sustainability committee. Value of a park plan should be carefully assessed. The process itself has value.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm