

Minutes
Lancaster City Noise Control Hearing Board
January 10, 2017

The meeting of the Lancaster City Noise Control Hearing Board was called to order at 4:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall, January 10, 2017.

Board members present: Clair McCormick, Kenneth Hammel, Sam Wilsker, and Gary Hufford. Representing the petitioning *Lancaster Barnstormers* baseball club was Don Pryer, Director of Stadium Operations and Andrew Wurst, Stadium Operations Manager.

McCormick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 14, 2016 meeting minutes, previously distributed. Hearing none, they were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

There was one appeal submitted to the Board for their action:

Appeal for the variance to Section 198-6 of the Noise Ordinance for fireworks displays on 18 specified dates as contained in the application, at their stadium located at 650 N. Prince Street. It was noted that this is the thirteenth year that the fireworks would be featured at the ballpark with all shows occurring on Friday or Saturday night, with the exception of the July 4th display. Mr. Wurst also noted that the weekend games will begin at 6:30 PM, should preclude any late or cancelled displays. He also noted that the Barnstormers would not have a game on July 4th but a community event is being planned at the park for that date, hence the inclusion in the application.

It was noted that there were no citizen complaints filed with either the Zoning Officer's office or the Lancaster City Police Department for the year 2016. There were no citizens appearing in opposition to the variance application.

On the motion of Sam Wilsker and seconded by Kenneth Hammel, the Board approved the application for variance with the caveats of the prior years, namely:

- Fireworks displays shall be permitted on the 18 dates as detailed in the application;
- Every effort will be made to commence the display prior to 10:30 PM but under no circumstances shall any display be conducted later than 11:00 PM;
- All displays shall be conducted in accordance with the direction of the Lancaster Bureau of Fire;
- The Barnstormers will work with their fireworks vendor to minimize the use of concussion shells;
- The Board, through the Zoning Hearing Office and the Lancaster City Police, will continue to monitor citizen complaints with regard to the fireworks shows and resulting

noise impact throughout the 2017 season, as to set benchmarks for future applications on behalf of the Barnstormers.

With no further business to appear before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.