

LANCASTER CITY NOISE CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES

December 11, 2018

The Lancaster City Noise Control Board held a public hearing following public notice pursuant to §198-7. A.(3) of the Noise Control Ordinance on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., in the Mayor's Conference Room, Municipal Building, 120 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

PRESENT: Kenneth Hammel, Adam Taylor, and Sam Wilsker

ABSENT: Christopher Brooks and Jason Wynne

STAFF: Paula Jackson, Chief Planner; Jameel Thrash, Zoning Officer

GUESTS: Michael Logan, Lancaster Barnstormers; Kelly Deihm and Kurtis Egan, Leadership Lancaster

Call to Order

Mr. Wilsker called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. (a delay occurred to reach a quorum).

Approval of the May 8, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Wilsker asked if there were any corrections to the May 8, 2018 minutes. Hearing none, they were approved as written.

Application of Lancaster Barnstormers

Lancaster Barnstormers Operations Manager Michael Logan presented the variance request for fireworks to occur after 9:00 p.m. on 16 dates in 2019. The 2018 schedule had received approval for 18 dates. Most of the fireworks displays, 12 out of 16, will be on Saturday nights. Two mid-week nights are scheduled for community events. There will be no Sunday fireworks. He stated that he anticipated that fireworks, with a six-minute duration, would stop before 10:30 p.m. and would absolutely be over by 11:00 p.m. He noted that there may be occasions when the fireworks cannot be displayed, for example, the game moves into overtime for an extended amount of time. In this case, he would ask for permission to have fireworks on another night.

Mr. Hammel read the five conditions approval for the 2018 fireworks, which Mr. Logan found acceptable. Mr. Hammel suggested an additional condition limiting fireworks to six minutes.

Mr. Hammel then moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and unanimously approved, that the Lancaster Barnstormers variance request be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Fireworks displays shall be permitted on the 16 dates as detailed in the application;
2. Every effort will be made to commence the display prior to 10:30 p.m. but under no circumstances shall any display be conducted later than 11:00 p.m.;

3. All displays shall be conducted in accordance with the direction of the City of Lancaster Bureau of Fire;
4. The Barnstormers will work with their fireworks vendor to minimize the use of concussion shells;
5. The Noise Control Board, through the Zoning Office and the City of Lancaster Bureau of Police, will continue to monitor citizen complaints regarding the fireworks shows and resulting noise impact throughout the 2019 season, in order to set benchmarks for future applications on behalf of the Barnstormers; and
6. The duration of the fireworks display shall be limited to six minutes.

If rescheduling of fireworks is necessary, Mr. Thrash advised Mr. Logan to contact the Bureau of Police for a "special variance," as provided for in the Noise Control Ordinance, when circumstances prevent fireworks on the pre-scheduled dates.

Mr. Logan thanked the Board and exited the meeting.

Other Business / Public Participation

Kelly Deihm and Kurtis Egan, both participating in the Leadership Lancaster program, were attending as part of their leadership training, which included an assignment to attend a public meeting. Board members and staff provided them with a brief summary of the Noise Control Ordinance and of the role of the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.