

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 1, 2023 7:00PM

Meeting Minutes

This Meeting was Recorded

ROLL CALL

- (X) Kenneth V. Farrall, Chair
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens, Vice Chair
- (X) Larry Burns
- (X) John Kroesser
- (X) Michelle Kroesser

The record shows that five members of the Planning Commission were present along with Borough Manager Jaime E. Snyder, and Assistant to the Manager Kathryn Vlahos.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion to Approve the May 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Motion: A motion was made by Lawrence G. Stevens to Approve the Agenda of May 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Larry Burns and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Larry Burns to Approve the February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

3. Old Business

A: Edinburgh Square Update

Manager Snyder stated that since the last Planning Commission Meeting there have not been any new updates.

B. Bennetts Court Update

Manager Snyder stated that since the last Planning Commission Meeting there have not been any new updates.

C. 43 Roosevelt Update

Manager Snyder stated that since the last Planning Commission Meeting there have not been any new updates.

D. 200 N. Main Street, Alliance Housing Development Update

Manager Snyder stated that since the last Planning Commission Meeting there have not been any new updates.

E. Didden Greenhouses Update

Manager Snyder stated that since the last Planning Commission Meeting there have not been any new updates.

4. New Business:

A. Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Announcement 103 N Main Street

Manager Snyder let the Planning Commission know that the hearing has been continued until May 31st at 7:00PM in Council Chambers. She also stated that this is a single-family home in the R-1 District which they are looking to convert into two units. If there are any comments regarding this hearing, she can pass them along to the Zoning Hearing Board.

B. Ordinance No. 550 Chickens: Amending Chapter 2 & Chapter 27

Manager Snyder explained that this ordinance will allow residents in residential zoning districts who have a lot size greater than 10,000 square feet to have six chickens, an additional 3 chickens will be allowed for every additional 5,000 square feet. Only female chickens are allowed to be kept in the borough.

Motion:

A motion was made by Larry Burns to recommend to Council the draft Ordinance for chickens to be changed to read “Male chickens, or roosters, are not permitted and shall be removed within seven (7) days upon request by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer”. The motion was seconded by John Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

C. Ordinance No. _____ Regulating the Display of Consumer Fireworks and Display Fireworks

Manager Snyder explained that this ordinance will ban fireworks in the Borough except on certain holidays. The Planning Commission recommended that the Borough create an ordinance jointly with Hatfield Township which will make it easier for Police to enforce.

5. Action Items

None

6. Next Meeting Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:00PM

7. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

A motion was made by John Kroesser to adjourn the May 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting. The Motion seconded by Michelle Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Vlahos
Assistant to the Manager