

BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOROUGH COUNCIL JOINT MEETING
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
BOROUGH OFFICE

MINUTES

Chairman Michael Wight called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The attendance was as follows:

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEMBERS**

Present

Michael Wight, Chair
John Schubring
Sarah Skoczen
Sara Laird
Frank Henry
Owen Phelan
David Lillard via phone

Absent

Bernard Garland

BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.

Gayle R. Marthers, Asst. Borough Manager
David A. Hazlett, Borough Manager
Ronald J. Harris, Mayor

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present

Bruce Carr
Michael Wight
John Schubring
Richard Mathews
David Lillard via phone

Absent

Robert Verderaime
Jessica Kraft

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING of PLANNING
COMMISSION with BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Mr. Lillard stated he was present for the March 2, 2020 meeting; the minutes have him listed as absent in error. He asked that error be noted for correction. Following brief discussion:

***S. Laird moved, S. Skoczen seconded, that the Commission accept the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting with Borough Council of March 2, 2020 as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one addressed the Commission at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Resignation.

Mr. Wight acknowledged the email from Mr. Bernard Garland announcing his resignation from the Commission due to personal reasons. Following brief discussion:

***S. Skoczen moved; S. Laird seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Bernard Garland from the Planning Commission effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Council will be notified at their next meeting of the resignation and Borough staff will use the website and social media to invite residents to volunteer to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Commission.

Sign Ordinance Review.

Mr. Hazlett provided background information on the reason for the discussion of the current Borough Ordinance regulating signs. He further explained the request from Borough Council for the solicitor to evaluate the current ordinance for its constitutionality and provide a draft ordinance that would comply with Federal and State laws regarding freedom of speech. Lengthy discussion ensued noting the following:

- Why is the Borough regulating signs?
- What is the Current Ordinance and How is it being changed?
- Need a clear definition of “Temporary Sign”
- What is/are the differences between the State Law(s) and the Borough Ordinance(s)?
- Should the Current Ordinance be re-written immediately or use the Draft of the Chapter 27 re-write?
- Should the Solicitor review the draft sign ordinance with regard to constitutionality?

***M. Wight moved; S. Skoczen seconded that Planning Commission recommend to Council that no work be done on the current ordinance changes but instead continue to focus on the draft of the Chapter 27 re-write and further direct Borough Staff to refrain from enforcing any part of the sign ordinance until further notice. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Ordinance Review: Chapter 27: Zoning.

Members discussed the progress of the document. Concerns were raised by newer members regarding their not having input on the document. It was agreed by consensus to have Borough Staff provide digital copies of the proposed zoning map to all members and finalize the discussion at the next meeting. The required steps with a possible timeline for final adoption was discussed.

Mr. Phelan requested a change in date from Monday, August 2, 2021 to Tuesday, August 3, 2021 due to a prior commitment. Members agreed by consensus to this change as Mr. Phelan in needed for a quorum. Borough Staff was asked to make the appropriate advertising.

ADJOURNMENT

*** M. Wight moved; S. Laird seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary