

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.  
BOROUGH OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Ed Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. The attendance was as follows:

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**Present**

Ron Harris, Mayor  
Neal Abrams, Vice Chairman  
Ed Kaplan, Chairman  
David Lillard  
Mary Davidson

**Absent**

Dan Patton  
Ronald Bell  
Robert Verderaine

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.**

David Hazlett, Borough Manager  
Gayle Marthers, Borough Secretary  
David Baker, Code Enforcement Officer

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2011 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

\*\*\*R. Harris moved, D. Lillard seconded, that the Commission accept the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of November 7, 2011 with the addition under New Business that Members agreed by consensus to recommended to Borough Council the appointment of Lisa McLeod-Simmons to the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Hazlett previewed a digital copy of the progress being made to the document. He committed to sending the document in PDF Format via email to Members by Friday, December 9, 2011.

**Chicken Ordinance**

Following brief discussion, Mr. Hazlett asked that he be permitted to introduce the document and provide the background used in its production. Lengthy discussion ensued after Mr. Hazlett's introduction with the following substantive changes being requested by consensus:

- Section 2-404: restrict the areas available for chickens to areas zoned R-2.
- Remove all reference to requiring permission from neighboring property owners.
- Typo-graphical error in Section 2-412: letter i has the same verbiage as letter k.

\*\*\*D. Lillard moved; R. Harris seconded that Members recommend to Borough Council the adoption of the Proposed Ordinance amending chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance to permit the limited keeping of domesticated chickens on residentially zoned property with the changes agreed upon by the Commission. Motion failed for lack of a majority vote having yielded three (3) yes votes from M. Davidson, R. Harris and D. Lillard and three (3) no votes from L. McLeod-Simmons, N. Abrams and E. Kaplan.

Discussion continued with Mr. Abrams stating that he would consider reversing his no-vote with the understanding that as a Councilman, when discussion is heard at Council, he will opine that the ordinance could be written differently and further that he may not vote in the affirmative at the Council level.

\*\*\*D. Lillard moved; M. Davidson seconded that Members recommend to Borough Council the adoption of the Proposed Ordinance amending chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance to permit the limited keeping of domesticated chickens on residentially zoned property with the changes agreed upon by the Commission. Motion carried with L. McLeod-Simmons and E. Kaplan casting no votes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*\* D. Lillard moved; N. Abrams seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary