

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present

Laura L. Scudder, Chairman
Ed Kaplan, Vice Chairman
Neal Abrams
Frank Buhrman
Ronald Bell
Ron Harris, Mayor

Absent

Dan Patton

BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.

David A. Hazlett, Borough Manager
Amanda Bell, Recording Secretary
David E. Baker, Code Enforcement Officer

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2009 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

E. Kaplan asked to have a correction made to the minutes, page 1 under Open to the Public, paragraph 2; last sentence to read: "Given lack of consensus the decision was made not to make recycling mandatory."

*** R. Harris moved, F. Buhrman seconded, that the Commission accept the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of May 4, 2009 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Member E. Kaplan, 26 Lee Trail, asked to be heard as a resident regarding residential sprinklers. Mr. Kaplan stated that there are two different bills one that resides with the State Senate and the other with the House of Representatives. E. Kaplan voiced his concern that legislative action maybe taken that will jeopardize the residential sprinkler laws. He suggested that the commission or maybe Borough Council should look into this matter and take action in support of requiring residential sprinkler installations.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough of Carroll Valley Comprehensive Plan Survey. R. Harris reviewed with the members a proposed survey that would gather data that could be used for planning purposes as well as budgeting guidelines. He explained that he wanted to provide the Finance Committee, Planning Commission and Council public opinion regarding issues, concerns or improvements that residents may have about the Borough. He further stated that Council has already been given a cursory look at the survey and if the Planning Commission agrees with the questions; Mr. Hazlett will prepare the survey for disbursement. Consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

F. Buhrman stated that Council received a resident request to construct a residential windmill. The current ordinance allows the unit; however, the imposed height restriction does not meet the requirements for the windmill. Therefore, the units are allowed but cannot be built. After much discussion the Commission agreed by consensus to have Mr. Hazlett prepare an amendment to the current ordinance such that a residential windmill would be able to be built albeit within specified parameters.

R. Harris reported that he and Mr. Hazlett attended the Southwest Regional Comprehensive Plan meeting. The Southwest Regional Comprehensive committee is asking the each Municipal Planning Commission to compose and submit a Vision Statement. R. Harris presented the Commission with a Vision Statement that was drawn from the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hazlett asked the commission to agree to submit the Vision Statement as presented. Agreement was given by consensus.

Mr. Hazlett reviewed the application for a new member to fill the vacant position on the Commission. After review:

***R. Harris moved; N. Abrams seconded to recommend to Council the appointment of Ms. Deborah Meredith to fill the vacant position. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

***R. Harris moved; L. Scudder seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Amanda Bell, Recording Secretary