

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present

Robert Verderaime
Ed Kaplan, Chair
Ron Harris, Mayor
John Schubring
David Lillard
Mary Davidson
Robert Tyler Pyles

Absent

Dan Patton
Lisa McLeod-Simmons

BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.

David A. Hazlett, Borough Manager
Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary
David E. Baker, Zoning Officer

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

*** R. Harris moved, T. Pyles seconded, that the Commission accept the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of March 2, 2015 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No One Attended:

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Ordinance Review.

Chapter 10: Health and Safety: Mr. Kaplan introduced the topic; Mr. Hazlett reported that complaints are received each year involving unlicensed or unregistered vehicles on properties throughout the Borough. Current ordinances state that unless the vehicle is deemed “unsafe” or a “hazard”; it can remain on the property. After lengthy discussion the following concerns were voiced:

- Consider a definition of “storage”.
- Consider a definition of “abandoned”
- Is there a need and does the Borough want to regulate an “Eye Sore”? If so, objective, measurable criteria need to be established so as not to impede personal taste/decor.
- §10 – Part 1: struck in its entirety. Dissolution of Board via Ordinance 1-2011
- §10-202 clarify the definition of “motor vehicle”; consider a list of inclusions or exclusions; i.e. boats, jet skis, golf carts etc.
- §10-203 clarify “plain view”. Consider the view from “the street” and the view from “the neighbor” and is the use of tarps improving the view.
- §10-205 & 206 add language to include “vehicles”
- §10-209 strike in its entirety
 - Procedural questions: Upon issuance of a Citation: If a hearing is requested and held; and Council overrides the Zoning Officer; what happens?
 - Citation is pulled by zoning officer?
 - Zoning Officer fails to show in court?
 - Other options?

Borough staff was asked to compile sample ordinances that addressed the unregistered vehicle issue differently. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Working Group: Home Office/Home-Based Businesses.

Mr. Kaplan reported that the group did not meet and reminded staff that they would like a list of businesses permitted in the Borough. Following their next meeting a report will be shared.

Hiking/Biking Trails.

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

*** D. Lillard moved; J. Schubring seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:25 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary