

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

Vice Chairman David Lillard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The attendance was as follows:

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

BOROUGH OFFICIALS, ETC.

Present

Ed Kaplan, Chair
Ron Harris, Mayor
Robert Tyler Pyles
Robert Verderaime
Lisa McLeod-Simmons
David Lillard
John Schubring

Gayle R. Marthers, Asst. Borough Manager
David Hazlett, Borough Manager
Amanda Bell, Recording Secretary
David Baker, Zoning Officer

Absent

Mary Davidson

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

***L. McLeod-Simmons moved, E. Kaplan seconded, that the Commission accept the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of December 5, 2016 as submitted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Review of Sprinkler Ordinance – Fire Company Personnel

The following citizens addressed the Commission at this time:

- William Jacobs, Chief, Fairfield Fire & EMS addressed the commission. Mr. Jacobs stated that Pennsylvania is the 3rd highest in the country for fire related deaths. He stated that the fire departments can't beat the fire timeline due to roads and water supply. He showed examples of how wood used to build homes has changed over the years.
- Ed Bowman, Safety Officer, Fairfield Fire & EMS addressed the commission. Mr. Bowman stated that the problem with home fires are; the types of materials that are used during the construction of the home, resources, and water supply. He expressed that sprinkler systems are 96% effective and for a single family home it costs around \$5,000.00 to have a system put in.
- Bruce Carr, 92 Eagle Trail, Carroll Valley Resident addressed the commission. He stated that he believes that the sprinkler system should be personal choice.
- Ed Kaplan, Planning Commission Member addressed the commission. He stated that the high risks are increasing and firefighters are decreasing.
- Dave Martin, Chief, Fountaindale Fire Company addressed the commission. He stated that it is a life safety issue.
- Frank Buhrman, 4 Crossland Trail, Carroll Valley Resident addressed the commission. He stated that he was in support of the sprinkler ordinance.
- Robert Verderaime, Planning Commission Member addressed the commission. He went over the pros and cons of the sprinkler ordinance.
- Ron Harris, Planning Commission Member addressed the commission. He gave a brief overview of the cost of a sprinkler system.

- Wayne Powell, Vigilant Hose Fire Company addressed the commission. He stated that it is 7 miles from Emmitsburg to Fairfield to help with a house fire. He also stated that Alabama and Mississippi are the two worst states for fires.

After lengthy discussion the following action was taken:

***R. Verderaime moved; E. Kaplan seconded that the Commission recommend that Council not repeal the sprinkler ordinance. Motion passed with R. Tyler Pyles voting no.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Ordinance Review.

Mr. Rob Thaeler briefly discussed the following maps with the members:

- Existing Land Use
- Borough Owned Parcels
- Floodplains
- Sewer and Water Service Areas
- Topology
- Character Areas

Character Areas, potential zoning districts, and key recommendations with the Southwest Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at the March 2017 meeting.

R. Harris recommended that G. Marthers electronically send the maps that were discussed to all members of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Responsibilities/Attendance Policy

D. Hazlett asked all members to look over the policy and bring any recommendations to next month's meeting.

Sunshine Act

D. Hazlett stated that e-mail should not be used for discussion of topics that are on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

*** E. Kaplan moved; J. Schubring seconded that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Bell, Recording Secretary