

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 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
Mary Davidson

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

Absent

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

***E. Kaplan moved, R. Pyles seconded, that the Commission accept the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of February 6, 2017 as submitted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following citizens asked to be heard:

Mr. Anthony Wivell of 43 Fruitwood Trail, Carroll Valley; Resident in favor of chickens.
Mrs. Linda Sites of 19 Hickory Trail, Carroll Valley; Resident in favor of chickens.
Mr. Steve Sites of 19 Hickory Trail, Carroll Valley; Resident in favor of chickens.
Ms. Kelly Goff of 5 Skylark Trail, Carroll Valley; Resident in favor of chickens.

OLD BUSINESS

Keeping of Chickens

G. Marthers presented a power point presentation prepared by David Hazlett outlining the issue.

The following comments and concerns were voiced:

- Pets vs. Farm Animals
- Deed Restrictions
- Odor
- Insects
- Housing Markets Fluctuation

Following much discussion:

*** E. Kaplan moved, R. Verderaime seconded that the Planning Commission ask Borough staff to prepare an ordinance clarifying the prohibition of chickens in the Borough. Motion failed with 5 members voting no and 3 voting yes.

Therefore, by consensus, members agreed to have Borough staff to prepare an ordinance that would allow the keeping of chickens. The following concerns were asked to be included in the language of the ordinance:

- Will they be allowed everywhere in the Borough? Yes
- Will they be permitted to be free roaming? No
- Are roasters allowed? No

- How many hens will be allowed? No more than 6
- Should the issue of noise be addressed? Suggested that staff check with Chief Hileman regarding the current noise ordinance
- Staff was asked to review definitions and make consistent with the remaining zoning ordinance

ADJOURNMENT

*** The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Bell, Recording Secretary