

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
January 22, 2013
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Evans - Chairman
Jay Lewis - Vice-Chairman
Tiffani Lynn - Secretary
Jeff Helm
Jamie Hess
Mary Wickenheiser

MAYOR/COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

George Weis – Code Enforcement Officer
Deb LaClair - Clerk

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Weisser
Patrick McGinness
Frank Doutrich
Kathy Doutrich

CALL TO ORDER:

Justin Evans called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

There was a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

Mary Wickenheiser welcomed Stephanie Weisser. Stephanie was present as a potential candidate to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to retain the current officers for the Planning Commission; Justin Evans, Chairman; Jay Lewis, Vice-Chairman; and Tiffani Lynn, Secretary and Jamie Hess seconded. All favored this motion.

MINUTES:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned and Jay Lewis seconded to approve the Planning Commission Minutes for December 17, 2012. All favored this motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Pat McGinness asked for clarification on a section of the proposed changes to the SALDO. He inquired about the requirement for parks in a development. Justin stated that requirement would only be for residential development. Pat stated his concerns over costs to the land owner. Justin explained why this was in the SALDO. Jeff explained why this was important to the community. Pat asked if the requirement was in the current SALDO. Justin stated yes and the new section had a slight change to the required acreage. Frank Doutrich asked if the land would go back to the municipality and if escrow money would be returned to developer. Justin explained.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Justin stated on January 9, 2013, he attended a seminar at the Manheim Township Library and the speaker was Charles Marohn of Strong Towns. Justin asked Jeff Helm, who also attended the seminar, to lead the discussion about the seminar. Jeff presented information to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Frank Doutrich asked if there were plans submitted for the building at Second and Locust Streets purchased by David Doolittle. Jeff stated the intended use was for storage for his business.

Jeff informed the Commission that Norm Meiskey will be presenting to Borough Council a tree canopy initiative to be an overlay of the official map. Information would be submitted to the Planning Commission for February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff stated the parcel of land located at 186 Franklin Road would be rezoned from low density residential (LDR) to light industrial (LI) and that some uses listed in the Zoning Ordinance table of uses would also be changed. Jeff added that these changes would be submitted to the Planning Commission for February.

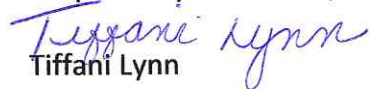
ZONING HEARINGS:

The 250 North Seventh Street zoning hearing discussion would be tabled until the February Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tiffani Lynn motioned and Mary Wickenheiser seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Tiffani Lynn
Secretary 