

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
June 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Evans – Chairman
Jay Lewis – Vice-Chairman
Tiffani Lynn – Secretary
Jeff Helm
Stephanie Weisser
Mary Wickenheiser

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Deb LaClair, Clerk

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brad Stewart, Lancaster County Planning Commission
Mike Grab, Nikolaus and Hohenadel – 725 Poplar Street project
Ken Kramer and Jan Michael Kramer – 725 Poplar Street project

CALL TO ORDER:

Justin Evans called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm

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

MINUTES:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the May 18, 2015 minutes with a minor correction and Tiffani Lynn seconded. All favored this motion.

ZONING HEARING(S):

725 Poplar Street – Mike Grab, Attorney for Ken and Jan Michael Kramer, stated the applicant was requesting permission to construct a second story on an existing structure. Mike presented an architectural rendering of the proposed construction and explained the use was non-conforming and any expansion would require zoning approval. The property is located in the Low Density Residential district. Ken Kramer stated his business uses recycled wood turning it into wood crafts and his son, Jan Michael, uses wood for framing of pictures. Ken added the business has grown. Jan added the expansion is for storage of wood. Ken explained the building would have colored metal and blend in with the surrounding neighborhood. Mary Wickenheiser motioned to recommend to the Zoning Hearing Board approval of the request for expansion of the business located at 725 Poplar Street and Tiffani Lynn seconded. All favored this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Stewart, Lancaster County Planning Commission, introduced himself as the community planner assigned to Columbia Borough.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS UPDATE:

Justin Evans reviewed where the Planning Commission was with the comprehensive plan review.

Jeff Helm discussed a blighted property program.

Mary Wickenheiser asked about the status of the official map, 1600 Lancaster Avenue project and the St. John's Herr project with regards to the former Locust Heights Swimming Pool. There was discussion on these projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and Tiffani Lynn seconded. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffani Lynn
Secretary

