

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

August 17, 2015

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Evans – Chairman
Mary Wickenheiser
Stephanie Weisser
Jeffrey Helm

ABSENT MEMBERS

Tiffani Lynn – Secretary
Jay Lewis – Vice-Chairman

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Quetsy Soto, Clerk
George Weis, Code Officer

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Leo Lutz
Councilwoman Sherry Welsh
Annette White

CALL TO ORDER:

Justin Evans called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:05 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes, Stephanie Weisser seconded. All favored this motion.

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the July 20, 2015 minutes, Stephanie Weisser seconded. All favored this motion.

Action Items:

Members discussed formal actions on a demolition application and the result was that the applications shall be approved by the Planning Commission. Members also discussed the highlights of last month's meeting and went over any questions any members might have. It was commented that everything was presented well last month and there are no questions currently.

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the demolition application for 1200 Locust Street (Luther Care), Jeffrey Helm seconded. All favored this motion.

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to approve the demolition application for 806 Lancaster Avenue (Mountville Motors), Stephanie Weisser seconded. All favored this motion.

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to recommend that Ordinance 860 Additional Requirements for Adult Use be considered for approval, Stephanie Weisser seconded. All favored this motion.

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to recommend Act 537 Plan amendment (for Columbia WWTP) to be considered for approval after reviewing Planning Chairman Justin Evans' notes. Jeffrey Helm seconded. All favored this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission is Annette White. Mary Wickenheiser recommended that Annette send in a letter of interest to Borough Council.

OLD BUSINESS/PROJECTS UPDATE:

Mayor Lutz informed the Planning Commission that Borough Council never completed the Complete Streets Resolution. Mary Wickenheiser referred to the October 20, 2014, Planning Commission minutes where it was motioned to recommend adoption of the complete streets policy and resolution. The Mayor asked the Planning Commission to urge Council to adopt this resolution.

The 208-210 Locust Street demolition of façade of the property has been secured.

Mary Wickenheiser asked if 12 North Second Street was condemned. Jeffrey Helm confirmed that the property is condemned.

Jeffrey Helm updated that the storm water issue for 1600 Lancaster Avenue still has not been resolved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm and Stephanie Weisser seconded. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffani Lynn
Secretary



