

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
March 18, 2013
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Evans - Chairman
Jay Lewis - Vice-Chairman
Jeff Helm
Jamie Hess
Stephanie Weisser
Mary Wickenheiser

Tiffani Lynn was absent from this meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Norman B. Meiskey, III – Borough Manager and Secretary/Treasurer
Pam Arnold - Clerk

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Doutrich
Kathy Doutrich
Mike Grab, Esq.
Bill Wright – Commander of Columbia Catholic War Vets Post 1306

CALL TO ORDER:

Justin Evans called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Monday March 18, 2013 at 7:02 p.m.

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

MINUTES:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned and Jay Lewis seconded to approve the Planning Commission Minutes for February 19, 2013. All favored this motion. (Justin Evans abstained since he was not at the February 19th meeting.)

ENGINEER'S REVIEW:

Jeff Helm motioned and Jay Lewis seconded to approve signing the Mylars for the Susquehanna Valley Nursing and Rehab Center Sub-division and Land Development Plan subject to completion of any outstanding items listed by the Borough Engineer and inclusive of the financial security. A Voice Vote was taken and the Motion passed 6-0.

ZONING HEARINGS:

250 North Seventh Street – Lazarus Foundation/Catholic War Vet’s amended application Mike Grab, Esquire presented a drawing of the buildings floor plan and explained that the Catholic War Vets submitted this amended application because they would like to sell PA Lottery Tickets at the property. He further explained that the Lottery requires that tickets be available to the general public as well as to members of the club. Mr. Grab also explained that the additional parking space requirement would only be two spaces and that there is already adequate parking available. Mr. Grab noted that significant landscape screening is being planned and that the Catholic War Vets would appreciate input from the Borough.

Bill Wright, Commander of Columbia Catholic War Vets Post 1306, explained that the intent of the club is to sell the lottery tickets, for the most part, to members. However, since the lottery requires the tickets to be available to the general public a space would be provided toward the rear of the building for lottery sales to the general public. Mr. Wright noted that only one sign, which is required by the PA Lottery, would be placed in the window toward the rear of the building to advertise the lottery sales.

Jamie Hess motioned and Jay Lewis seconded to recommend to the Zoning Hearing Board to allow the Catholic War Vets to sell PA Lottery Tickets in their club house located at 250 North Seventh Street. There was a voice vote and the motion passed 4-2. Evans, Lewis, Weisser and Hess voted YES and Wickenheiser and Helm voted NO.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

There were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Helm commented on the multiple program training announcement he received from the Lancaster County Planning Commission. He said that he is disappointed in what is being offered this year. Justin Evans noted that the classes being offered are basically continuing education opportunities this year for persons with professional planning credentials.

Borough Manager Meiskey handed out information regarding a transportation road functional classification change being made in the Borough. The change suggested by the County’s Transportation Planner would make Purples Lane an Urban Collector rather than an Urban Local road. Mr. Meiskey stated that he has no objection to the change.

Justin Evans motioned and Jamie Hess seconded to respond positively to the Transportation Department of County Planning regarding the update of Purples Lane to an Urban Collector. There was a voice vote which passed unanimously 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Borough Manager Meiskey gave an update regarding several projects in the Borough as follows:

Veterans Memorial Bridge Lighting Project

Mr. Meiskey outlined the details of the project and said that construction on this project is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks.

Trail Services Building

Mr. Meiskey noted that bids are due on March 27, 2013 and that Borough Council is expected to award the bid at the April 8, 2013 Borough Council Meeting.

Ironville Pike Safe Routes to School

Mr. Meiskey said that the design is scheduled to be finalized by the end of this week. After the design has been finalized the Borough will wait for Penn Dot Review and Approval after which bids will be accepted and awarded during the end of April or the beginning of May. There will also be a 90 day hold period for the contractor to get organized. Construction should begin in August or September.

Plane Street Phase II Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Meiskey outlined the project details and said that construction should be complete by the end of this year.

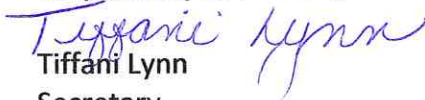
Walnut Street Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Meiskey stated that two new storm sewers, one sanitary sewer and a water line will be installed but that the top coat road surface will not be finished until the Columbia Water Company has completed their construction. This project is expected to take place next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mary Wickenheiser motioned and Jamie Hess seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,


Tiffani Lynn
Secretary



Borough of Columbia

LEO S. LUTZ, Mayor
MICHAEL L. BEURY, Borough Council President
R. L. PFANNEBECKER, Solicitor
NORMAN B. MEISKEY, III, Borough Manager

COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

March 18, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
Final

1. Call to Order:
2. Period of Prayer:
3. Pledge of Allegiance:
4. Election of Officers:
5. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2013
6. Special Discussion:
7. Correspondence:
8. Engineer's Review(s): Susquehanna Valley Nursing and Rehab Center
(sign mylars for sub-division and land development plan)
9. Demolition Applications:
(Releases: Sewer, Water, Gas, Electric, Cable TV, Tele)
10. Action Items:
11. Discussion Items:
12. Old Business:
Projects Update:
13. New Business:
14. Public Comments and Questions:
15. Zoning Hearing(s): 250 North Seventh Street – Lazarus
Foundation/Catholic War Vets (amended application)
16. Adjournment: