

MINUTES  
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
November 27, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Wickenheiser, Chair  
Jeffrey M. Helm, Vice-Chair  
Tiffani Lynn, Secretary  
Annette White  
Brad Lynn

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Quetsy Yates, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Laura Proctor, Lancaster County Planning Commission

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Wickenheiser called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:03 p.m.

There was a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Brad Lynn motioned to approve the October 23, 2018 Planning Commission meeting minutes and Annette White seconded. All favored this motion.

- In the public comments, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph "Anuil" should be changed to "Anvil"
- In the public comments 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph "Exon" should be changed to "Exxon"

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION:**

**ZONING HEARINGS:**

No Action Items

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**ENGINEER'S REVIEWS:**

Mylars were signed by Chairwoman Mary Wickenheiser and Secretary Tiffani Lynn.

**DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS:**

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

Mary Wickenheiser confirmed both the Planning Commission meetings and the Work sessions will be advertised. She also reminded that next month's meeting will occur Monday, December 17, 2018.

Tiffani Lynn motioned to certify the determination of blight made by the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board for 337 Cherry Street, 32 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 216 Perry Street and 838 Houston Street. Annette White seconded. All favored this motion.

Jeff Helm stated that 208-210 Locust Street has received its new façade and now the interior of the property is being worked on.

Mary Wickenheiser informed that 511 Cherry Street Sold for \$137,000 and asked about the Hotel Locust. Jeffrey Helm informed that it's currently owned by Columbia Economic Development. He informed that many are looking at the building, however a parking study must be completed to make the downtown property attractive for both residents and businesses and investors.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Laura Proctor, Lancaster County Planning Commission, presented the Commission with a chart and a colored residential density map relative to the Borough Zoning Districts.

Jeffrey Helm attended the Lancaster County Planning Commission meeting held on November 26, 2018 shared the many ideas he acquired from the Akron Borough presentation. Topics such as Lead Education, Natural Historic Resources, Improving Neighborhood Services, having a steering committee that would include the Planning Commission, Borough Staff, Local Business and a Lancaster County Planning Commission representative is recommended as we begin the Comprehensive Plan review and revision.

Mary Wickenheiser announced that on December 11, 2018 at 6:30 at the Columbia Crossing River Trail Center there will be a meeting with the Columbia Crossing Advisory Committee to discuss Phase III of the River Park project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Tiffani Lynn motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission at 7:45 p.m. and Annette White seconded. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiffani Lynn  
Secretary

