

Public Safety Committee
Board of Health/Zoning/Planning/EMA Report
July, 2019

A. Board of Health

1. Board of Health members met at their meeting on July 1, to discuss community health issues as part of the Columbia Comprehensive Planning Process and plan for a table of information and public engagement at the August 6 National Night Out event at Glatfelter Memorial Field.
2. A food establishment inspection was performed at the former Musser Market at 960 Lancaster Avenue in anticipation of reopening as AJs Discount Surplus Grocery.
3. A walk-thru inspection was performed to view progress of the ice cream/essentials shop planned for the former Pennsylvania Railroad Station at 101 North Front Street.

B. Zoning Permit/Determinations/Zoning Hearing Board

1. The Zoning Hearing Board had two applications for consideration on July 31. Both were proposed land development projects needing dimensional variances (L18 North Fourth St and 504 Kinderhook Road). The L18 project received Zoning Board approval. The 504 project was not presented and will be heard at the August 28, 2019, 7:00 pm Zoning Board meeting.

C. Planning/Planning Commission

1. Attended a Land Bank Advisory Group meeting at the Borough Office to discuss activity at the various Land Bank properties in the Borough.
2. The Columbia Planning Commission conducted their regular monthly meeting and discussed next steps for Comprehensive Planning. Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) planner, Laura Proctor, will present an overview of the LCPC's planning for the county Comprehensive Plan at the next Columbia Planning Commission work session on August 1.
3. The Planning Commission discussed and recommended to Borough Council that the Zoning Ordinance section recognizing the airport at 1020 Manor Street be removed from the Ordinance due to the past decommissioned nature of the use.

D. Emergency Management

1. Attended Lancaster Emergency Management Agency Crisis Cleanup seminar, detailing Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) services potentially available to municipalities during a local/regional crisis, presented at the Lancaster County Emergency Operations Center.
2. Chaired the monthly meeting of the Borough's Employer-Employee Safety Committee meeting to discuss current events/projects and recent incidents relating to insured employees/volunteers and to continue the preparation of municipal workers to potential emergency issues.

End of Report

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