

**ECONOMY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Jan. 9, 2023

Present: J. Blumling, D. Carlson, M. Kowalski, A. Mutschler, R. Kowal, D. Lang, C. Pcsolyar, C. Ristau (Planning Commission Consultant).

Absent: none.

Others Present: none.

REORGANIZATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman:

Jim Blumling, nominated by Audrey Mutschler

Seconded by Don Lang.

Motion to close by Myron Kowalski, seconded by Chad Pcsolyar

Motion approved.

Jim Blumling elected Chairman.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Don Lang, nominated by Jim Blumling

Seconded by Myron Kowalski.

Motion to close by Audrey Mutschler, seconded by Chad Pcsolyar

Motion approved.

Don Lang elected Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Secretary:

Dave Carlson, nominated by Roger Kowal

Seconded by Audrey Mutschler.

Motion to close by Don Lang, seconded by Myron Kowalski

Motion approved.

Dave Carlson elected Secretary.

Motion by Jim Blumling to reappoint Michael Baker as Planning Commission consultant. Seconded by Audrey Mutschler. Motion approved.

After review, the minutes from the December 5, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Don Lang. Seconded by Myron Kowalski. Motion approved.

Meeting dates were also re-confirmed during the meeting. The general rule is that the Planning Commission meetings are the first Monday of the month; when there are holidays, they move to the second Monday of the month (January, July, and September for 2023).

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Garbage Service – Mandatory Participation: Chairman Blumling and other members attended the Borough Council meeting on 12/13/22 and communicated their point-of-view.

2. Enforcement of Ordinances: Same Planning Commission group attended the Borough Council meeting on 12/13/22 to voice input that the Food Truck Ordinance needs to be enforced as passed earlier in the year. After discussion, it was agreed by Borough Council that the ordinance is staying place – there was a unanimous motion supporting its retention and enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Certificate/Permit Language Updates: At request of Borough Manager and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Planning Commission Consultant Ristau received Ordinance Chapter 180 to update Certificate of Occupancy, Zoning Permit, and Zoning Certification letter and process.

The reason for the update was to ensure that the ordinance requires certificates of occupancy for residential, commercial, and accessory uses including those under 1,000 square feet, which are exempt from building permit requirements but still must meet zoning setbacks. In addition, a new certificate process was needed to certify the use of a property when a property changes owner. This new certificate is in accordance with Pennsylvania Act of Assembly #652, approved September 20, 1961. During the process of updating the ordinance for these two purposes, we identified a need to rename the existing Zoning Certificate to Zoning Permit as the existing process is a permit process and not a certification.

Revised language to be presented at next month's meeting.

2. Garage Heights: Member Kowal requested an update on what ordinances are related to garage height vs. height of house. Planning Commission Consultant reviewed ordinance 180-66pp and 180-7 (definitions) and outlined in the residential and commercial areas.

3. House Numbers: Myron Kowalski reported no new activity.

4. Year End Report: Chairman requested that Planning Commission Consultant Ristau provides Year End Report for 2022.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Pcsolyar, seconded by Don Lang. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Signed _____
Secretary

**ECONOMY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING DATES FOR 2023**

January 9, 2023

February 6, 2023

March 6, 2023

April 3, 2023

May 1, 2023

June 5, 2023

July 10, 2023

August 7, 2023

September 11, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023

Note: First meeting in 2024 – January 8, 2024