

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

DATE: July 10, 2023

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

Absent: R. Kowal.

Others Present: none.

After review, the minutes from the June 5, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Don Lang. Seconded by Myron Kowalski. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Recommended Changes to Forestry Ordinance. Due to a change in PA regulations, the Economy Borough Chapter 180 "Zoning to Update the Forestry and Timber Harvesting Regulations" must be revised.

At the April meeting, Planning Commission Consultant Ristau provided an overview of proposed changes to the ordinance. This results in an almost complete change to the ordinance. The prior ordinance was viewed as being overly cumbersome with the requirements being beyond the new State requirements. During the review, there was discussion regarding Section H and the lack of specificity regarding a bonding requirement to protect the Borough's infrastructure interests. Planning Commission Consultant Ristau to check into what type of bonding requirements are permissible under the new requirements. The proposed ordinance was reviewed again at the May meeting. It was tabled as more information and clarification was needed on several issues.

Since last meeting, Planning Commission Consultant Fedorek made 3 revisions to the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Changed the enforcement language to a specific title that already exists and is already defined in your Zoning Ordinance – Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Engineer (Sec. 3E)
- 2) Used "General Legislation" to be consistent with the official name of Economy Borough's legislation from Chapter 43 to Chapter 180, which encompasses zoning. To accurately cite the section, ordinance section now reads "General Legislation" followed by the article, and section numbers.
- 3) Revised the bond requirements and permit system mirror PennDOT's regulations on road bonding. The current best practice on forestry is to mirror the PennDOT regulations so that local and state regulations are identical. The Ordinance now refers to Chapter 189 of PennDOT code into Economy Borough's Zoning Ordinance (Section 3H).

Group discussed new language.

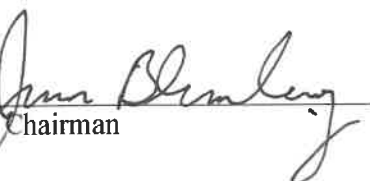
Action taken: Motion to recommend approval of proposed ordinance to Borough Council with one revision (add verbiage for CEO/Engineer involvement) by Don Lang. Seconded by Chad Pcsolyar. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. House Numbers: Member Myron Kowalski reported that there has been no activity since the prior meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Pcsolyar, seconded by Myron Kowalski. Motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signed


Chairman

Signed


Secretary