

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

DATE: June 5, 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 May 1, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Don Lang. Seconded by Chad Pcsolyar. 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.

Following the May meeting, Planning Commission Consultant Ristau added Section H to the proposed ordinance outlining responsibility for road maintenance and repair including road bonding to include language to enable the Borough to require and enforce surety bond as agreed to in the Excess Maintenance Agreement executed with the Overweight Vehicle Permit for Article IV.

Note that since the May meeting, the prior Planning Commission Consultant, Carolyn Ristau, resigned from Michael Baker and has been replaced by Nick Fedorek.

New Planning Commission Consultant Fedorek to research bonding requirements in the entire Borough Ordinance to make sure we can offer consistency and manage the process as part of the zoning application per Section 3A. We also requested specificity regarding Article IV Vehicle Weight Limits.

Member Lang to discuss weight limit and enforcement issues with Borough Manager Cavanaugh so work can continue on the updated ordinance prior to the next meeting.

Action taken: Motion to table the proposed ordinance by Don Lang. Seconded by Audrey Mutschler. Motion approved.

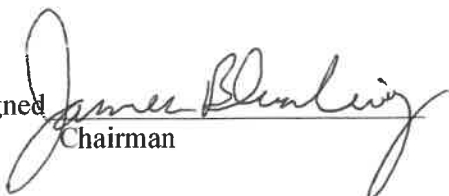
NEW BUSINESS:

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

Motion to adjourn by Myron Kowalski, seconded by Audrey Mutschler. Motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Signed

Chairman



Signed

Secretary

