

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Macungie Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Allen Crawford at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present were Allen Crawford, Chris Becker, Betty Silfies, Linn Walker and John Yerman. Also present were Zoning Officer Mark Vasoli, Borough Engineer Ryan Kern, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Hartzell.

REORGANIZATION

- a. Chairman – On motion by Commissioner Yerman and second by Commissioner Becker, Allen Crawford was voted Chairman of the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 5 ayes
- b. Vice-Chairman – On motion by Commissioner Becker and second by Chairman Crawford, John Yerman was voted Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 5 ayes
- c. Secretary – On motion by Commissioner Walker and second by Commissioner Crawford, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Hartzell was voted Secretary of the Planning Commission. Motion carried: 5 ayes

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Crawford, to approve the October 13, 2015 minutes. Motion carried: 5 ayes

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 101 E. Main Street Land Development Sketch Plans – Don Young remarked that he submitted a petition to Borough to vacate Creek Alley. He commented that Council took no action on his request at the time. He decided to go to Planning Commission with a sketch plan to show what he may propose to develop on his property with Creek Alley vacated and asked the Planning Commission for a recommendation to Council to vacate Creek Alley. Mr. Young did inform the Commissioners that there is a water line that runs in the middle of Creek Alley that a maintenance easement would be given and an easement for the sewer line in part of Creek Alley. Mr. Young remarked about the intersection at Creek Alley not being safe for pedestrians walking from the parking lot to the front of the building on Main Street since there is no sidewalk on the west side of the narrow alley.

The Commissioners discussed the Main Street streetscape that is proposed sidewalk work to be done this year. Mr. Young commented he and Mr. Boyko, property owner on west side of Creek Alley, would install a curb and sidewalk across the intersection to close off Creek Alley at their

d. Decorative Traffic Lights - Zoning Officer Vasoli spoke with Ron Beitler about decorative light poles that are being installed in Lower Macungie Township just outside of the Borough. Mr. Beitler suggested the Borough consider the same type of poles for the Church Street traffic light. Zoning Officer Vasoli brought this information before the Planning Commission but Council had discussed it at their last meeting. Due to the additional cost, Council did not want to go with the decorative light poles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Sign Lighting regulation – This will be carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no other business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
Administrative Assistant