## Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date July 8 ,2020



## Attendance:

- Bill Pacelli, Chairman: present

- Alec Italiano, Co-Chairman: absent with cause

Joe Carle: present

- Don Deguffroy: absent with cause

Laura Smith: presentJudy Soles: presentJackie Sobel: present

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Benjamin Walker introduced himself. Benjamin is the administrative assistant for Nathan Bish.

Review and Approval of last meeting minutes, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Comments on minutes: Laura mentioned the flyer Alec passed out at the last meeting regarding the PIC program for young adults. Also, Alec presented this program at a JBA meeting. Minutes approved by Joe and Judy  $2^{nd}$ .

## Old Business:

Agenda I: Bill continues to get clarification on ordinance pertaining to roads for our letter to Council. Joe is putting together a report, on several roads in the city, with patch work made by the Municipal Authority every few feet. These patches every few feet would be an indication the whole line should be replaced. A meeting has been scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> with the water authority, to discuss this ongoing problem. Benjamin stated there is a maintenance agreement that is being presented to the water authority with the guidelines for the repairs. Joe noted several areas of concern in the city, one of them being the parking lot of the Casino Family Dental Center. The parking lot and curbing were extensively damaged as a result of a break and repair by the water authority. Rich Ault is aware of this issue.

Agenda II: Elliott Testing Facility is progressing. Several drawings have been submitted to K-2. We do not have a clear answer to what the PC should be seeing for approval and recommending to Council. K-2 should advise the PC on this matter. The PC last approved the landscaping plans.

Agenda III: Alec contacting Bill Fontana, concerning the grant for Revitalizing Westmoreland. Mr. Fontana contacted Laura, in regard to the Jeannette Initiative. We will check with Alec

regarding his call to Mr. Fontana. The PC members are attending the Redevelopment Authority's meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Carol Babich is the president, Benjamin will also attend this meeting.

Agenda IV: Bill has drafted a letter to Nathan Bish for our review and approval, indicating our concern that signs placed on the outside of buildings in town are not following the ordinances. Have the signs been applied for and approved according to the ordinances. Records would be on file prior to K-2. Ordinance covers billboards and advertisements. Building owners are receiving income from the advertisements on their buildings. The PC's concern is the blank canvas beside the amphitheater. If we need to change the ordinance, we can work on that, we do not want to discourage business in town. The letter to Nathan is approved and Bill will get it out to him on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda V: There is discussion regarding naming of the amphitheater, Elliott Amphitheater has been suggested because the Elliott Company has done so much for the city. The Elliott Company is very generous in their participation of city events. They do not hesitate when approached. The marketing for the amphitheater is still under discussion, there are many avenues that need to be researched, scripted to ensure all bases are covered. Laura mentioned an individual in Mt Pleasant that maybe able to give some advice and suggestions on the marketing. Laura to forward information to Benjamin.

## **New Business:**

Laura has noted in other communities their PC members set up committees and work on more than 1 project at a time. Laura is suggesting that Jackie, Judy and Laura work on the downtown area development. We would report to the PC on findings and make recommendations to Council. Also, Laura is suggesting that the PC send articles to the Penn Franklin News. Marge Stanislaw would be our reporter, sending the articles. Our town needs to know what we are working on, making recommendations to Council. Marge would not have to attend the meetings, Bill will work off the minutes of PC meetings, give the info to Marge on a monthly basis for submission to the Penn News. We have a lot of young people coming into town, Jackie, Sobel's Brewery, Matt, 520 Grille, Perschetti's new owners, Chad Crouse, with the Historical Society, all have many good ideas.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 6:15pm