Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date July 13, 2022

Approval Date August 10, 2022

Call to Order 6:04 pm

Attendance:

- Bill Pacelli, Chairman: present

- Alec Italiano, Co-Chairman: present

- Joseph Carle: present

- Donald Deguffroy: absent with cause

- Judy Soles: present

Anthony DeNunzio: present Cindy Salvatore: present

City Representatives

Chuck Highlands, City Councilman

Review and Approval of last meeting minutes. No comments on minutes, a motion was made by Alec Italiano to accept and approve the meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Joe Carle.

Old Business:

a. Jeannette Initiative held meeting July 11, 2022 at the Jeannette Public Library, 6 pm. Approximately 13 members attended, mostly board members, representative of the Hillman Foundation, business owners and Bill Fontana. Lively discussion concerning the allocation of funds controlled by the Westmoreland Community Foundation, façade concepts and hiring of the main street manager. The Initiative recently received their Non Profit Letter which will allow a checking account to be opened by the board. Mr. Fontana would like to see the Jeannette Initiative, JBA and the Redevelopment Authority working together to develop the downtown district, sharing responsibility of hiring a main street manager. To that end, he has drafted an agreement between the entities for their review. JBA would like to have a store front on Clay Ave. Mr. Fontana also stated the Keystone Core Services, of which he is a part of, would match funds for improvements in the downtown, except for the purchase of trash cans.



Alexandra Taylor, of the Hilman Foundation, stated the foundation may be willing to fund a portion or all of the funds needed to hire a main street manager for the 1st year. This brings another issue, where would this individual sit and who would he report to. The main street manager would not be a city employee. Next Initiative meeting scheduled for September 12th at the Jeannette Public Library, 6 pm.

- b. Zoning Ordinance updates. The commission discussed items starting with Fair Housing Act thru Food Candle. Floor Area Gross tabled until next PC meeting. Bill Pacelli is going to research this item, commission not sure of the intention of this ordinance.
- c. Jeannette Glass Chambers Ave. property: Bill Whetzel and city property manager to send notices regarding weed control on property and demolishing a building on the property. Zion is paying the taxes but not performing maintenance work.
- d. Addendum to PC By-laws: need to rewrite based on the feedback from Solicitor Witt.
- e. Alec is working on a revision of his comments pertaining to the Tribune Review article on the former Monsour Property. Alec contacted Mr. Tarosky requesting permission to put a coffee truck on the property. Mr. Tarosky told Alec he has big plans for the property and would like to discuss with the Planning Commission. Alec invited Mr. Tarosky to the July 13th meeting, he accepted but later cancelled. Mr. Tarosky owns main parcel and the 2 parking lots.

New Business

a. Road conditions are terrible in Jeannette and they are getting worse. Infant stage of discussions for a major road project in the city for the coming year.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Joe Carle made motion to adjourn all in favor, 7:30 pm