Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date June 10, 2020



Attendance:

- Bill Pacelli, Chairman: present

- Alec Italiano, Co-Chairman: present

- Joseph Carle: present

Donald Deguffroy: present

- Laura Smith: present

Judy Soles: absent with cause
Jackie Sobel: absent with cause

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Review and Approval of last meeting minutes Alec Joe 2nd.

Note this is the first meeting since the March 11, 2020 meeting since the City of Jeannette was shut down due to the Covid-19 virus.

Old Business

Agenda I: Discussion and revision of the recommendation letter to council.

Bill further reviewed the ordinance pertaining to Regulating Street Openings, Excavations, and Pavement Cuts. Bill asked Joe and Don for clarification on the requirement on the utilities paving the street after opening. Is there a required time to repave? Bill noted the area on Chambers Ave. by Omnova had been paved across the entire street and it was a nice job. Other streets like Harrison Ave. (PA Rt 130) across from Artmans Auto has not been paved nether has the intersection of Harrison Ave and 4th street. This was part of a gas line replacement project. A discussion also centered on a sanitary sewer, is the homeowner responsible to the connection of the lateral to the main, which could go under the street totally. Joe commented that Harrison Ave.is a state road and the City of Jeannette ordinances do not apply. The letter to City Council will need to be reviewed and reworked

Agenda II Construction of Elliott Testing Facility at Jeannette Glass site

Bill reported a meeting was held with the Elliott project management team after the March PC meeting. Elliott assured him that all the appropriate drawings have been

provided to K2 Engineering. This totaled about 400 drawings into mid-March Elliott offered the Planning Commission a tour if needed. This will be reviewed at a future time (Joe no tour required, Don would like a tour). A question was raised whether the Planning Commission needed to review any additional drawings, this is unclear. Also how long does K2 Engineering take to review the submitted drawings?

Agenda III: Community Action applied for the grant offered by Revitalizing Westmoreland.

Alec has been unable to contact Mr. Fontana, due to the state lockdown. Laura had spoken with him within the last week concerning the Jeannette Initiatives. Laura will give Alec his phone number.

We are interested in scheduling another meeting with the Redevelopment Authority. The Redevelopment Authority has changed their meeting dates and also they have a new Chair, Carol Babich. Laura will reach out to Carol to arrange a meeting in July or August. Several properties have been sold as of late.

Agenda IV: Advertising signs on the outside of buildings in the city.

The city does have an ordinance pertaining to the signs, Article 8: Signs, in the zoning manual, specifically 8.2 Permit Requirements and Application. The main concern is signs that may begin to appear on the wall next to the amphitheater, it would be a distraction to the events held there. No action was taken on this issue. Bill to draft a letter and circulate before the next meeting.

New Business:

Agenda I: Regarding the amphitheater, who is marketing the use?

Currently there is not a marketing strategy in place. Do to the shutdown of the City, nothing has been done. The painting is being completed and recess lighting is next.

Misc: Jackie needs a Zoning Ordinance Manual.

Cornerstone Ministries wants to help the City on blighted properties

Alec advised PIC (Private Industry Council) has opportunities for young people to work in local Industries. PIC pays the salary. There are limitations to what work can be done

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 6:25 pm