

Meeting Date June 9, 2021

Attendance:

- Bill Pacelli, Chairman: present
- Alec Italiano, Co-Chairman: present
- Joseph Carle: present
- Donald Deguffroy: present
- Laura Smith: absent with cause
- Judy Soles: present
- Anthony DeNunzio: present

City Representatives

Chuck Highlands, City Councilman
Nathan Bish, City Clerk
Benjamin Walker, Adm Assist to City Clerk

Call to Order 6:01pm

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

Old Business:

a. Alex and Anthony attending the virtual Forward Cities meetings. Discussed perceptions of the city with videographer Kim Lewis. Kim getting ideas where to file, putting together a storyboard. The storyboard would be used as a marketing piece for the city when completed. PA Downtown Center's Main Street program is experiencing a documentation issue, the registration form that was submitted to the state is missing. Bill Fontana requested Nathan to search for the application so the process can move forward. Mr. Fontana still looking for ways to fund the downtown manager position. Jeannette Initiative presents a letter to the Elliott Company detailing how the funds would be used. Bill Pacelli has paved the way with the Elliott Company HR person. We need seed money for the downtown manager position. Basically the 1st year of the 5-year project, is getting the funding for the salary.

b. The street department had some work to do to get the amphitheater ready for the opening date. The ground was aerated and seed spread at a cost of apx. \$400 to the city, 2 local landscapers made bids of between \$1800 and \$2000. The opening date for the amphitheater is scheduled for July 4th. A 4th of July Celebration with our own Community Band performing for the opening event. The City is managing the rental of the amphitheater. Potential renters would send a letter to Nathan Bish, City Clerk, approximately 30 days prior to event, detailing the event. The letter is presented to Council for approval. 1st Food Truck event is July 8th with music provided by Saddle Up Band.

c. Bill Pacelli provided a copy of Zoning from Irwin, highlighting the areas Jeannette does not have and highlighting the areas Jeannette has that are similar to what Irwin has with comments. The PC members will review this material and discuss at the next PC meeting. The members appreciate the time and effort Bill has put in to gather the information on zoning for comparison.

d. Nathan Bish states the update on the city website is complete. Nathan was not able to upload some of the Planning Commission's pages and has requested copies of previous meeting minutes and agendas. Bill is going to provide the information requested.

e. Alec Italiano has spoken to Ed Antonacci regarding grants for sidewalks. Alec to schedule a 2nd meeting or conversation with Ed. New sidewalks going in on the 600 block but the city has run into problems with 3 property owners, this issue could delay a meeting with Mr. Antonacci.

f. Bill Pacelli working on addendum to the PC By-Laws based on feedback from solicitor Tim Witt.

g. Nathan Bish was able to have Bill Callahan, Western Pennsylvania Community Preservation Coordinator, along with Marcy Stein, present a package, to Mayor and City Council on June 8th, 2021, on the pros and cons of designating specific buildings and or specific areas of the City as a historical building or historical district. The application fee for the Historical District is \$25,000 and would be completed by a professional. Application is submitted to the state, if approved on the state level then the application moves on to the Federal level with the National Park Service. The process could take up to 2 years. There are several buildings in Jeannette that would appear to be historic buildings. If we apply for a Historical District, that would open up several avenues of funding for the 400 Clay Ave project and other projects could take advantage of this action. Scottdale and Greensburg have Historical Districts. PC members to review handout and discuss at next PC meeting.

New Business

a. PC received the Application for Appeal presented by Janet Ali, 319 N. 1st Street, Jeannette, to

utilize the property as a bed and breakfast. A motion to recommend the request to the Zoning Board was made by Alec Italiano and Judy Soles 2nd the motion. Zoning Board meeting is Wednesday, June 16, 6pm. This is a public meeting.

b. Robert Deglau, land surveyor, presented the Consolidation Plan for Christopher Miller of Zellers Avenue. Mr. Miller owns 2 pieces of property that are deeded separately, requesting to place a shed on their property. Bill Pacelli signed off on the Consolidation Plan, recommending the request to Council.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7:08pm motion made by Don Deguffory, Alec Italiano 2nd the motion