Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date November 4, 2020



Attendance:

- Bill Pacelli, Chairman: present

- Alec Italiano, Co-Chairman: absent with cause

- Joseph Carle: present

Donald Deguffroy: absent with cause

Laura Smith: presentJudy Soles: present

Jackie Sobel: resigned from commission

City Representatives

Chuck Highlands, City Councilman

Nathan Bish, Jeannette City Clerk

Benjamin Walker, Adm Assist to City Clerk

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Review and Approval of last meeting minutes October 14, 2020.

Old Business:

- a. K2 has not responded to Nathan Bish's request on what plans the PC should be reviewing and recommending to Council. Elliott Company has scheduled first test for June 2020.
- b. Bill Fontana has enlisted PNC. as a contributor of matching funds for the PA Downtown's Center Main Street program. It is unclear, at this time, who is involved with the Jeannette Initiative, who the responsible parties are. Who is responsible for the money, Laura Smith states there may be \$5,000 in the Initiative account. Mallory has given Laura information regarding the Initiative, Laura will bring the information to the next PC meeting. It was discussed dissolving the existing Initiative and setting up a new Jeannette Initiative. This request would need to be presented as a recommendation to Council. We will wait on this action until Mallory's information has been reviewed at the next PC meeting. Mr. Fontana is ready to move forward. The PC could then present requests to businesses requesting funds to support the

Main Street Manager program. Bill Pacelli has offered to speak to someone at the Elliott Company and Laura Smith said she can speak to someone from Omi Nova. The PC will draft a formal request letter detailing the purpose of the Jeannette Initiative and how the funds would be used for the Main Street Manager program.

- c. City Council received the letter to accept the amphitheater but the formal acceptance has been tabled. There is work that needs addressed regarding the wall against J&J Jewelers. Michele Langdon is discussing this matter with Jack Brown. There has not been any discussion regarding the fee schedule and the types of events being booked. Looking at the spring of 2021 for this discussion. All inquiries have been tabled until the amphitheater is officially the City's.
- d. Bill is working on correspondence, as discussed at the June 13th meeting with the Redevelopment Authority, directed to Carol Babich's attention. Laura providing email address for Carol Babich.
- e. PC making a request to Council to seek legal advice from solicitor Tim Witt. PC would like Mr. Witt to attend the December PC meeting, to discuss what changes are needed to allow for brewery, micro brewery, distillery, micro distillery, winery, medical marijuana, recreational marijuana distribution and dispensary, areas where they are permitted to operate. Also clarification and changes for group home, halfway houses to Conditional Special Exception, what we have to allow in what neighborhoods and if they can be limited to certain areas.
- f. Nathan and IT person are going to begin, in December 2020 to remap and update the city website. PC page and the Recreation page do not update. Nathan and the IT person will be starting from scratch, clear everything and start fresh. Current zoning is difficult to find on the City's website. This remaping and updating of the City website should make it much easier for all departments.
- g. Margie Stanislaw, Penn Franklin News, did an excellent job on the article published in the September 14th edition. Bill Pacelli, Chairman is planning to submit minutes to her each month for the publication. Citizens of Jeannette need to see what the PC is working on.

New Business

- a. Jackie Sobel has resigned from the PC. Nathan is checking to see what other expiring terms are coming up and the process to fill Jackie's position.
- b. Laura is going to contact Bill Wetzel of K2, on his day in town, to see if he can provide copies of the approved applications, permits and fees collected for signs on city buildings. Council should also be seeing this information. Process should be consistent and following the ordinances.

Misc

Bill Frye, Property Maintenance, asked to attend the next PC meeting to discuss blight in the downtown area. Laura has pictures of some areas that need attention.

Bill Pacelli sending a letter to Mr. Tarosky inviting him to a PC meeting, for a discussion on the development of the former Monsour property.

Progress is continuing on the former Jeannette Hospital site. The 4 story building will be comparable to a Redstone facility, also planning on patio homes. Work is currently being done on the cafeteria. Should PC be reviewing these plans?

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

6:30pm

Motion to adjourn Joe Carle, Judy Soles second