

Jeannette Planning Commission | Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date March 11, 2019



Attendance:

- Alec Italiano, Chairman: present
- William Pacelli, Co-Chairman: present
- Joseph Carle: present
- Donald Deguffroy: absent
- Laura Smith: present
- Judy Soles: present

Call to Order: 5:16 pm

Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Staff Report: N/A

Agenda I: Dan Schmitt of Gibson Thomas Engineering was present at our meeting to answer questions we had after reviewing the 537 Plan Proposal. Dan also presented to Council at their work session, addressing their questions as well. Joe had several concerns regarding the size of lines, the proposal to go thru the ballfield, rather than the street or sidewalk. Dan presented maps to illustrate pathway of lines and improvements being made and cost factors involved. Also concern with the timing of the project if it goes through the ballfield, timing will need to be coordinated with the programs using the field, easements need to be gotten, permission from the owners of the property. Many moving parts to consider, timeline for project is approximately 2 to 3 months depending on start date, time of year, weather conditions. This is a concept plan and would come back to council at each design phase. DEP had no problem with the concept plan of project. Alex questioned the \$10 increase in our bills, are the other municipalities using our system receiving the increase. The answer was yes. Dan also stated there may be funds available through RUS, Rural Utility Service, a government agency. Project is eligible for grant money, Gibson Thomas is applying, hopefully funds are still available. Alex asked for a motion to recommend to council. Laura 1st and Bill 2nd.

Agenda II: APEX Energy has a plan to frack in Hempfield Township on Beaver Road, Lincoln Heights near Route 136, they were making surrounding municipalities aware of the fracking and giving them an opportunity for comment. We had 15 days from the notice date of January 31, 2019.

Agenda III: Amendment to ordinance addressing the language for wireless communications facilities. This ordinance was amended and reviewed by our solicitor, in an effort to protect the city from communication companies wanting to come into the city with their equipment. A building permit will be required. Alex asked for motion to recommend to council. Bill 2nd

Agenda IV: Brought to Council, the Redevelopment Authority approached to sell 2 lots on Penn Ave to an individual for the purpose of putting in a garden for his personal use. Penn Ave is in the commercial district, would be a zoning question.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 6:35 pm