

Jim Thorpe Planning Commission  
June 19, 2018

**Meeting called to order:** 6:31 p.m.

**Roll call:** John McGuire, Clem McGinley, Lou Hall, Nancy Porambo, Joanne Klitsch, Jolene Evans  
Joe Micko

**Visitors present:** Kurt Jackson

**Approval of Minutes:** Jolene motioned to approve, John seconded, all in favor

**Hearing of Visitors:**

- Kurt will write up an outline of his discussions with comments from Mike and James on the issue of parking permits and short-term rentals.
- The report will be sent to Lou for distribution to the Commission

**County Plans for 76 Susquehanna St. –**

- Lou indicated plans were only given to us this evening and there is not enough time to review
- Committee members were asked to review plans at home
- The Planning Commission asked for a traffic report. Per an email, Matt Boggs was to let Maureen know if it was necessary to have a traffic study.
- Matt responded to a request from John via email during the meeting and he stated it was not necessary to have a traffic study

**Ordinance X-2018 Zoning Ordinance amending regulations for signs**

- Work on the signs project will be postponed because there is a possibility of a grant and the ordinance may have to be rewritten

**Status of previous meeting tasks:**

**Re-addressing Eastern side of Leisureland –**

- Lou received information from 911. He sent information to Council about liability issues that the Borough may face if the project is not completed. Luzerne County is having a problem with lawsuits because of the inability for emergency crews to get to a residence
- Kurt suggested the readdressing be sent to the Post Office. He indicated the addresses don't match, houses and streets are not marked properly
- There was concern that an ambulance or fire truck may not be able to find a home.
- Joanne suggested the issue cool down a bit and that we bring in the emergency crew to explain why it's necessary.
- Lou indicated we are not in compliance with the Borough's ordinance. We needed to use it as a guideline.
- Lou will contact the Readdressing Committee to coordinate a meeting

**Waiver Request**

Letter received from McCarthy Engineering with a request for a waiver of Saldo to combine preliminary and final plan approval.

Motion made that we (not) waive the Jim Thorpe Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance per the request from Kevin A. Marmas, P.E., Senior Project Engineer.

Joanne made a motion, Clem seconded, all in favor not to waive ordinance.

- The letter that will be sent must clarify what is being done to address the Episcopal Church's issues regarding demolition.
- Joe asked if there were issues with storm water?
- Maureen will draft a letter and the PC will receive a copy.

**Short-terms rentals**

- Lou is working with Michael and James on the project.
- Lou will reach out to members to request another meeting

**Discussion of projects:**

Borough Park Planning Review, grant application

- We don't need to develop design plans, it will be part of the grant
- The Commission can offer suggestions

**Suggestions or comments:**

- The new Burn Ordinance will be identical to the Weatherly ordinance
- The only change was that the Police was added in addition to the Code Enforcer
- Ticketing will be added to the ordinance

**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn Lou, John seconded, motion carried. 7:45 p.m.