

February 27, 2018
Jim Thorpe Planning Commission

Meeting called to order: Lou called the meeting to order 6:38 p.m.

Attendees: Lou Hall, Clem McGinley, John McGuire, Nancy Porambo, Joe Micko, Joanne Klitsch

Absent members: Jolene Evans

Visitors: Randy & Rose Reese, Andrew Roberts, Michael Rivkin, Jake Arner, Chris Prokop

Approval of Minutes: Chem motioned to approve, John seconded, motion carried

Hearing of Visitors:

Jake Arner asked about the detour Penn Dot has for JT, Lt. on Packerton Drive, out past Ukranian Home, etc... The meeting is going to be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in Mahoning Police Station, at the Municipal Building. Jake is going to speak that they should allow cars to come up over Flagstaff Road, most direct route. Rock face is the immediate problem, but the wall on Rt. 209 might collapse. They told PP&L powerlines have to come down, notified UGI, gas line has to go under 209. It's going to take much longer than anyone things. If they don't reroute appropriately, it will be a serious issue for businesses. This is going to take months. It will affect the summer and fall visitors.

Jake wants them to give the money to fix Flagstaff Road. Any money they were thinking of giving him, give to the Borough. He will sell the property they need for \$1.00. Their response is that they have to stay on the state roads.

Reese Reverse Sub-Division: Rose spoke and said she is combining two lots into one. The new address will be 1121, under the 911 code. Lou asked if there any roads? She indicated no. Nancy then made a motion to recommend to Council for approval, Joanne seconded. It will go to Council at the next meeting. The meeting will be the 8th of March.

County sketch plans for 76 Susquehanna St.

Lou indicated the plans are preliminary. There is nothing definitive. He requested they get information on this ahead of time. John indicated there is definitely a parking concern with the proposed building. It will back traffic up to beyond the light. Joanne asked if we should send a letter of our concerns ahead of time, Lou agreed.

One suggestion, the building should be constructed in the County parking lot

Joanne motioned, Lou seconded to have Louise draft a letter to be sent to their engineer that we don't want to continue with the existing plans.

Church Alley Water Service Project

It is proposed to upgrade the water system 2,450 feet of water main service, it would update the outdated water system. Project cost: \$496,655. Borough will pay administrative cost. Take 8 months, weather permitting. Lou said we are spending a lot of money to correct water lines. Motion to approve by Clem, Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Joe had concerns because they are using grants and suggested we have to get authorized ASAP

Readdressing:

Lou indicated there was some issue on renaming the streets. We can't move forward without having information so we are expecting information Friday. Next meeting is Sunday morning, 8:30 a.m.

W. Broadway Parking

Lou has a copy of what was originally done. We have a current parking ordinance. He titled revisions as Article IV. Lou suggested we look at the revisions and see how they can fit into the current ordinance.

He suggested that everyone look at the information and come up with suggestions.

It was suggested that 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends are restricted parking.

Joe asked about handicapped parking and had concerns (Article 7). Lou, there is nothing scheduled to address handicapped.

Short-term Rentals

Mr. Prokop indicated he was here to listen to discussions on the vacation homes. They have a B&B, the Times House.

There needs to be a meeting scheduled. Clem & Lou brought their suggestions based on other communities. We are very close, some areas folks didn't agree on. Modeling it around the existing B&B guidelines, they all walked away with good feeling with what was said.

The state guidelines were sent to Lou by Mr. Rivkin, Clem questioned. The next meeting will be scheduled March 15th, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Borough Park Planning Review

Lou handed out a recreational projects schedule with proposed costs. John stated Maureen sent a note to Council that they approved a resolution for a grant application to Memorial Park. It's a matching grant program. Council committed to \$25,000 in cash match towards this \$50,000 Memorial Park project.

Meeting adjourned: Nancy motioned to adjourn 7:45 p.m., Clem seconded, motion carried.