

JIM THORPE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

February 23, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35

2. Roll call of members

Present: John McGuire, Dr. Clem McGinley, Louis Hall, Joanne Klitch,

Absent: Nancy Parambo, Joe Micko and Bob Schanninger

3. Visitors present; Jim Dougher

4. Hearing of visitors.

- Jim Dougher presented a review of his proposed subdivision at 169 W. Broadway. His plan is to raise the existing building which at one time was car dealership and was mostly existed as a commercial property and then use the existing concrete floor as a parking lot with spots for lease. The floor is 160 feet long and 40 feet wide the first 80 feet the 56 feet wide for the second half. 18 parking spots are planned to be leased to help with parking issues with residents and business owners. The issues of concern with the plan are as follows:

1. The Mauch Chunk Creek flows under it, would any grading changes need to involve the Army Corp of Engineers and is water drainage from the lot permitted.

2. The plans have been submitted to the County Planning Office and we will wait to comment on these issues until after the County review.

3. The Zoning Ordinance does not list a parking lot as an allowable use in R4 district, so we suggested Jim talk with Council, Borough Manager and Solicitor to clear the parking lot for use in the R4 district.

4. To allow two-way traffic angled parking would have to be utilized in the narrow half.

5. Medical Marijuana Ordinance; The MM Ordinance verbiage has been completed and our recommendation will be sent to Council.

- A motion was made to send our recommendations for addressing the distribution, processing, and growing of medical marijuana in the Borough by adding said recommendations to the existing Zoning ordinance by Joanne Klitch and seconded by Clem McGinley with all in favor. Motion passed.

6. Status of completed tasks.

A. Short term rentals – A public hearing for the ordinance was held on Feb 11 Council meeting.

B. Permit Parking Ordinance – The Council and Solicitor are reviewing the ordinance to reduce any possibility of liability.

7. Bennick/Ogden Subdivision.

- A motion was made to recommend an extension for the Ogden/Bennick subdivision by Clem McGinley seconded by Joanne Klitch with all in favor. Motion passed.

8. January meeting minutes.

- A motion was made to accept the January meeting minutes by Joanne Klitch and seconded by Clem McGinley with all in favor. Motion passed.

8. Future Projects

- A. Elderly Assistance (Grass cutting, snow removal etc.)
 - + Lou to check with County to see if they have any programs in place.
 - +Clem to check with Rotary to see if they have any programs in place.

8. Adjournment; Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Motions made at JT PC Meeting of Feb 23, 2021

1. Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the January meeting minutes by Joanne Klitch and seconded by Clem McGinley with all in favor. Motion passed.
2. Ogden/Bennick subdivision: A motion was made to recommend an extension for the Ogden/Bennick subdivision by Clem McGinley seconded by Joanne Klitch with all in favor. Motion passed.
3. Medical marijuana ordinance: A motion was made to send our recommendations for addressing the distribution, processing, and growing of medical marijuana in the Borough by adding said recommendations to the existing Zoning ordinance by Joanne Klitch and seconded by Clem McGinley with all in favor. Motion passed.

Task List Feb 23, 2021

1. John to edit medical marijuana recommendations, forward them to Lou for review. Lou will then send them to council.
2. John to talk to Carson H about updates to the Zoning/Saldo ordinance re-work.
3. Lou to investigate local government programs supporting elderly assistance, such as providing grass mowing, snow removal etc.
4. Clem Lou to investigate Rotary programs supporting elderly assistance, such as providing grass mowing, snow removal etc.