

Jim Thorpe Planning Commission
April 20, 2021
Minutes

Meeting called to order:

Members present: Bob Shanninger, Lou Hall, Nancy Porambo, Joanne Klitsch, Dr. Clem McGinley
Missing members: Joe Micko, John McGuire

Minutes of the meeting – Joanne Klitsch motioned to approve March minutes, Lou seconded. Motion carried.

Visitors present: None

James Dougher Project – He plans to take down building in Broadway. He wants to put in parking spaces. He plans to lease them out to business owners in the area. Lou understands whatever is in creek, it will wash down Broadway. Ex: leaking anti-freeze. There was a question regarding the size of the drain. This decision was between James and engineering. Lou asked regarding entering and exiting, will cars have to be parked horizontally or vertically. Nancy asked about entrance onto Broadway, does he need permission from Penn DOT? Lou said he will need permits. Joanne said it will take a lot longer than anticipated.

John Otto Project – He bought two lots in Leisureland. He wants to put a house on one and have sewer on another. Our ordinance doesn't address how he has to combine the lots before he does it. He secured the permits for sewer and building. There will be issues if he sells the lot with the sewer on it. Clem asked what kind of issues will that cause if he moves away and sells the house that he's in?

Lou indicated we need to assist and help him to combine these two lots. We can approve it provided he contacts the Borough to do what they want him to do. If they accept it and record it, we need to prevent this from happening in the future.

Lou motioned: Prior to issuance of a building permit or sewer permit, if an individual has multiple lots, those lots that will encompass a dwelling and subordinate facilities, must be combined. Clem seconded. Motion carried.

Lou motioned: The planning commission recommends that prior to issuance of an occupancy permit, that the lots be combined into one lot and recorded as such. Clem seconded. Motion carried.

Medical marijuana – Nanovic is working on this at the present time.

Status of completed tasks:

Short-term rentals – Owners have received their letters. Mark Behun has a hotel license. It's short-term. Greg said it shouldn't affect them. Clem asked who made the determination as to who got letters? It wasn't known.

Permit parking ordinance – nothing new on this.

Future Projects:

Elderly assistance – Lou made contact with the state and county. He said we need to contact the courts if anyone has community service they have to do. The state and county has nothing to do with it. There is no help outside of the borough. The high school students are required to do 25 hours of community service. CCTI also has responsibilities. These are areas we may look at to gain help. Nancy said it would be great to have a fund organized.

Ordinance change needed: Bob Shanninger – indicated there is a curb machine available that we can use but it's not as deep as our requirements are. We would have to change our ordinance in order to use it. Cost would be cheaper for home owners. What would have to change is how deep a curb machine must go down.

Clem stated he will contact Alan from NEPA about funding for beautification. They supported the street project and may know what resources are available.

Motion to adjourn: Joanne motioned, seconded Clem. Motion carried.