

**Jim Thorpe Planning Commission
October 17, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Louis Hall. The meeting was held in Memorial Hall, 115 East 10th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA.

Roll Call of Members

Sean McFadden	Louis Hall	Bob Schaninger-absent
Joanne Klitsch	James Dougher	Nancy Porambo
John McGuire	Secretary Klotz	

Visitor's Present & Hearing of Visitors

NONE

Minutes and Motions

MOTION by Joanne Klitsch, second by Nancy Porambo to **approve the September 19, 2023 meeting minutes**. There were no comments. Motion carries 6-0.

Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO)

NONE

Ordinances

Draft SALDO Ordinance (dated July 2023) – John McGuire explained that the Borough's Engineer was given a copy of the draft to review. His notes were reviewed during an Ordinance Update Committee Meeting. John McGuire discussed the regulations with campgrounds and wants to discuss this further with one of his cousins who owns a campground. He also said there really isn't much in the draft needing to be changed. Louis Hall felt otherwise. He pointed out examples: on page 1, the second paragraph and Section A3 are redundant. On page 1 Section A4, it should have listed preliminary plan when it should say final plan. On page 2 Section E, there is nothing regarding the Planning Commission when it should. On page 5 Section 390-8, the entire paragraph is one long run-on sentence. These are just a handful of items Louis Hall would like to be addressed. He would like to put a Planning Commission review committee together to go over the entire draft. He suggested meeting about 3 times, for around 90 minutes each. Nancy Porambo and Sean McFadden volunteered to be part of the committee since John McGuire and James Dougher are already part of the Ordinance Update Committee. Louis, Nancy, and Sean are planning to meet to review the draft on Wednesday, October 25th or November 1st. **MOTION** by Sean McFadden, second by Nancy Porambo to **form a committee to review the Draft SALDO Ordinance**. There were no additional comments. Motion carries 6-0.

ZHB Items

The following items were reviewed:

Canyon Rim Estates- campground standalone use granted: Secretary Klotz explained the Zoning Hearing Board ruled in favor of Jake Arner's request for a standalone use for his campground. Jake Arner argued that this is a permitted use on his property because it is a recreation area. Solicitor Nanovic also attended the hearing at the request of Borough Council. He advised to Borough Council to not try to appeal it as he felt the Borough would not win the appeal.

Old Business

Suggestions or Recommendations

Louis Hall asked about updating the Comprehensive Plan. Secretary Klotz explained that it is something planned to be reviewed in 2024. Before it can be reviewed, the updated Zoning Ordinance and SALDO Ordinance need to be approved by Borough Council first as some of the items in the Comprehensive Plan will be addressed by the Ordinances.

Adjournment

MOTION by Nancy Porambo, second by John McGuire to **adjourn the meeting**. There were no comments. Motion carries 6-0. The meeting ended at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Klotz
Borough Secretary