

Jim Thorpe Borough Planning Commission Meeting

August 16, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Louis Hall. The meeting was held in Memorial Hall, 115 East 10th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA.

Call to Order & Roll Call of Members

Joe Micko	Louis Hall	Bob Schaninger-absent
Joanne Klitsch	James Dougher	Nancy Poremba-absent
John McGuire	Engineer Kerry Good	

Visitors Present

Engineer Brent Birth
Shawn McFadden
Jake Arner

Hearing of Visitors

Engineer Brent Birth attended the meeting to discuss the Schweibinz Subdivision Final Plans.

Minutes & Motions

MOTION by John McGuire, second by James Dougher to **approve the July 19, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**. There were no comments. Motion carries 5-0.

Ogden/Bennick

The subdivision plans were first submitted on November 1, 2019. Louis Hall first suggested that they resubmit their plans and not grant an extension. John McGuire asked that Planning Commission reconsider due to this project being for the kids and a nonprofit. James Dougher suggested to recommend to deny the extension, resubmit when ready, and waive the fees. **MOTION** by Louis Hall, second by Joanne Klitsch to **recommend the Borough Council deny the Ogden/Bennick Subdivision granting a time extension**. There were no comments. Motion carries 5-0.

Schweibinz

Final Plans were submitted on August 5, 2022. James Dougher questioned the waivers requested. He thought 3 were required, but only saw 2. Louis Hall explained Planning Commission only needed 2 and that the Penn Dot waiver was excluded. Borough Engineer Kerry Good explained all preliminary items were met. He submitted a letter of recommendation for a few items on the final plan to be corrected. **MOTION** by James Dougher, second by Joanne Klitsch to **approve final plans conditioned upon the items in the Borough Engineer's letter**. There were no comments. Motion carries 5-0.

Kanick

MOTION by Joanne Klitsch, second by John McGuire to **recommend the Borough Council to accept the Kanick Subdivision granting a time extension until December 31, 2022**. There were no comments. Motion carries 5-0.

Zoning Ordinance

Ordinance 2022-05 - SALDO

MOTION by Joanne Klitsch, second by John McGuire, to include in 2022-05 SALDO to include Ivan Meixell's recommendation of including the GIS number recorded on the deed. There were no comments. Motion carries 5-0.

MOTION by James Dougher, second by Joanne Klitsch to include the word Borough before Planning Commission in section 3.1 of Ordinance 2022-05 - SALDO. There were no comments. Motion carries 5-0.

Proposed Special District Zoning Amendment

There are still concerns amongst the members of the Planning Commission with the Proposed Special District Zoning Amendment. It was suggested for the 1,000-foot measurement start at the high-water mark, rather than the edge of the water source. John McGuire questioned why Council is catering to Kanick and not to Jake Arner. He said the Special District was created to protect the lake. By approving this Amendment, it goes against the definition of the Special District. James Dougher explained that the definition of the Special District is to allow use of the land in a manner which will not detract from the natural setting and recreational public use of the Mauch Chunk Watershed. For this reason, development of the area will be restricted to reduce the probability of pollution. Both Louis Hall and John McGuire agreed that the Borough doesn't have enough help to enforce what's being proposed in the Amendment. **MOTION** by James Dougher, second by John McGuire to recommend that the original Ordinance stand as is based on the definition of the Special District. A roll call vote was called.

Joe Misko-yes

James Dougher-yes

Joanne Klitsch-yes

Louis Hall-yes

John McGuire-yes

Motion carries 5-0. Louis Hall asked that all the concerns the Planning Commission has with the Proposed Special District Ordinance be shared with Borough Council. He also stated he plans on attending the Heritage Festival and ask the residents their thoughts on the Proposed Special District Amendment.

Old Business

None

Suggestions or Recommendations

Louis Hall plans on attending the Heritage Festival at Mauch Chunk Lake in September to ask local residents their thoughts and opinions about the Kanick Subdivision.

Joe Miko left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION by James Dougher, second by Joanne Klitsch to **adjourn the meeting**. There were no comments. Motion carries 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Klotz
Borough Secretary