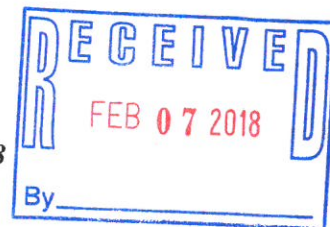


**ECONOMY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Jan. 8, 2018



Present: J. Blumling, D. Carlson, M. Kowalski, R. Loedding, B. Meegan, A. Mutschler, D. Lang, A. DeAngelo
(Planning Commission Consultant), C. Pcsolyar.

Absent: R. Kowal.

Others Present: D. Burns (Assistant CEO).

REORGANIZATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chairman asked for nominations for Chairman:

Jim Blumling, nominated by Don Lang

Seconded by Chad Pcsolyar.

Motion to close by Myron Kowalski, seconded by Dick Loedding

Motion approved.

Jim Blumling elected Chairman.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Dick Loedding, nominated by Don Lang

Seconded by Audrey Mutschler.

Motion to close by Bob Meegan, seconded by Chad Pcsolyar

Motion approved.

Dick Loedding elected Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Secretary:

Dave Carlson, nominated by Audrey Mutschler

Seconded by Bob Meegan.

Motion to close by Myron Kowalski, seconded by Don Lang

Motion approved.

Dave Carlson elected Secretary.

Motion by Dick Loedding to reappoint Michael Baker as Planning Commission consultant. Seconded by Jim Blumling. Motion approved.

Meeting dates were also confirmed during the meeting. The general rule is that the Planning Commission meetings are the first Monday of the month; when there are holidays, they move to the second Monday of the month.

After review, the minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by on Lang. Seconded by Dick Loedding. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chicken Ordinance: CEO Don Burns distributed several documents to the group – a) current Livestock and Domestic Pets ordinance, b) Complaint Form from borough resident regarding turkeys and chickens, c) Complaint Form from borough resident regarding rooster crowing at all times of day, d) FAQs regarding chicken ordinances, e) article titled “Keeping Backyard Poultry (CDC report), f) article titled “Developing Regulations for Keeping Urban Chickens”, and g) a fact sheet titled “Backyard Hens Rules and Regulations”. Assistant CEO Burns briefly reviewed each of the items. There was discussion. His perspective is that chicken and livestock ordinances tend to be very specific and involved. He noted that both complaints were able to be handled satisfactorily through communication with the residents involved. Chairman Blumling thanked Mr. Burns for the background information. The Planning Commission will continue to discuss the need and framework for possible ordinances.

2. New Cell Tower Regulations: Handout provided by Borough Manager Kunkle. Group agreed no action needs to be taken but this type of information is good to have to stay informed regarding what is happening.
3. Drone Article: Planning Commission member Lang provided an article from Borough News titled "Are Drones in Your Borough's Future?" As stated in the article's subhead, the use of drones is an emerging issue that borough governments may need to be prepared to address in the future and one subject area that has multiple pros and cons. Some discussion ensued.
4. Permitted Uses in Neighborhood Commercial District: Planning Commission Consultant Lincheck provided list of permitted uses within Neighborhood Commercial District. There was discussion and it was agreed to review the listing again at next meeting when Mr. Lincheck is present.
5. Grading Ordinance: Commission member Lang outlined framework for grading fee structure. The primary focus will be to price fees at a level that adequately covers borough expenses through a tiered structure based on project size and scope. Work will continue for review at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. House Numbers: No new house numbers reported during the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Meegan, seconded by Don Lang. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Signed _____
Secretary

**ECONOMY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING DATES FOR 2018**

January 8, 2018

February 5, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

May 7, 2018

June 4, 2018

July 2, 2018

August 6, 2018

September 10, 2018

October 1, 2018

November 5, 2018

December 3, 2018

Note: First meeting in 2019 – January 7, 2019