

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

DATE: May 2, 2022

Present: J. Blumling, D. Carlson, K. Compitello (Planning Commission Consultant), J. Hernandez, R. Kowal, M. Kowalski, D. Lang, B. Meegan, A. Mutschler, C. Pcsolyar.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Maria Petkash (515 & 535 Tevebaugh Hollow Road, Freedom, PA 15042), Jake Thomas (Borough CEO).

Motion by Audrey Mutschler to recommend approval of the minutes of the 4/4/22 meeting. Seconded by Jesse Hernandez. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application for subdivision by: Maria Petkash (515 Tevebaugh Hollow Road, Freedom, PA 15042) 05-01-22. As proposed, the Petkash Plan of Lots combines a portion of tax parcel 60-11-112 with tax parcel 60-11-110, labeled Lot 1 (1.503 acres) with the remainder of 60-11-112 labeled Lot 2 (0.459 acres) on the subdivision plans. The properties are zoned R-2 Suburban Residential District.

The plan was reviewed for conformance with the Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances. The procedures for this type of subdivision are governed by Chapter 163, Article VII. As such, the applicant is required to submit the plans and data under Section 163-16. The requirements of Chapter 180 also apply, particularly, the standards found in Article VI: R-2 Suburban Residential District. Based on review, there are no comments to address.

Action taken: Motion to Roger Kowal to recommend plan approval to Borough Council with the condition to address any comments the Beaver County Planning Commission may have. Seconded by Bob Meegan. Motion approved.

2. House Numbers: Member Kowalski reported that there was one new house number assigned – 500 Cooney Hollow Road (three lots combined into one; owners Miranda Simba and Sharon Wilburn).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign Ordinance Update: As discussed at last month's meeting, several issues raised by Borough personnel regarding the need to update the sign ordinance language. Much discussion by the Board regarding where revisions should be considered. While there was consensus on the 24 square ft. size for digital signs, discussions at the May meeting centered on the following: 1) revising the number of nits allowed, 2) on/off restrictions for lighted signs (i.e., off after dusk). There was a suggestion that a set off-time be published to minimize ambiguity related to "dusk" (i.e., off time – 9 p.m. and allow back on at 7 a.m.). The Board's consensus was that the preference was for "cut and dry" standards and rules to make enforcement easier. Focus should be on Ordinance section 180-87 and section 147-2 (revise item B concerning signs on private property). Planning Commission Consultant will prepare proposed language that can be reviewed and finalized via motion for future Borough Council consideration.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Pcsolyar, seconded by Bob Meegan. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Signed _____
Secretary