

Curwensville Borough Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday February 19, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Members

John Adams, Chairman
David Rose, Vice Chairman
Duane Wriglesworth
Ron Kuhn
Martha Tozer
Theresa Bracken, Secretary

Visitors

Hildred Rowles
Mary Ellen Read
Tom Carfley

Call to Order:

7:00 pm Chairman John Adams called meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes For January 30, 2019:

- Member Martha Tozer made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Member Duane Wriglesworth seconded the motion.
- Motion was passed 5-0

Hildred Rowles- Streetscape Update

Mr Rowles informed the commission that the Streetscape Committee is currently awaiting approval of a \$500,000 grant to begin the first phase of the project that includes the block from Walnut St to Thompson St. Mr Rowles showed the commission maps of the entire project as well as the lamp fixtures chosen at their public meetings. He also discussed the projects plans of running all wiring underground and eliminating utility poles along State St. The project has a tentative multi-phase schedule of one block per year depending on funding. The Streetscape Project hopes to begin phase one in the spring of 2020.

Tom Carfley- Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carfley spoke to the Commission about Properties he has been dealing with on State St for several months. The former Ford Garage and the former Branding Iron buildings have become a hazard due to their midtown location. The property owner has been warned through certified letters, property postings and most recently Citations sent to the Magistrate. Both buildings are in serious disrepair with no plan for rehabilitation from the owner. The same owner has several properties throughout the borough in the same or worse states of disrepair and Officer Carfley intends to pursue action on those properties as well. His hope is to work with the property owner to bring the

properties into compliance if possible. All attempts made to that end so far have produced no results.

Officer Carfley also discussed a property on Thompson St that has been vacant for several years. He explained that a contractor is interested in the property but the owner and the mortgage holder would not cooperate. He further explained that action may have to be taken.

Old Business

- 1. Re-Zoning Projects-** The Commission discussed sending the list of re-zoning projects back to Borough Council for approval.
 - a. Member Ron Kuhn questioned the issue of parking. Once these areas are re-zoned property owners will be required to adhere to the zoning ordinances regarding parking. Mr Kuhn stated that parking is already an issue throughout the Borough with other businesses not providing adequate parking for their employees.
 - b. Guest Hildred Rowles stated that in order to move his business to its current location on State St, he had to provide parking for his customers and employees. He did so by making an agreement to use the Methodist Churches parking lot during the week. He believes that all businesses should be held to the same standard and that another business on State St has not done so and has caused parking problems for its neighboring businesses.
 - c. Citizen Mary Ellen Read questioned the need to re-zone the entirety of Susquehanna Ave as Residential Commercial due to the fact that the State Street Commercial area has empty storefronts.
- 2. Update on Available Land-** Chairman John Adams contacted persons involved with parcels of land available in the Borough.
 - a. Greystone- Currently not looking to build in Curwensville
 - b. Sunnyside LLC- Owns property in the industrial park but not interested in selling. May lease or build to suit if the right situation arises.
 - c. Property Listings- Chairman Adams suggested making the property listings available on the Planning Commissions Section of the Borough Website. Secretary Bracken will add a property listing section.

Financial Report

Bank Account Balance- \$3626.16

No expenditures

- Duane Wriglesworth made a motion to accept the financial report.
- Dave Rose Seconded the Motion.
- The Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment

- Martha Tozer made a motion to adjourn
- Duane Wriglesworth seconded the motion
- The motion passed 5-0

Next Regular Meeting: March 19, 2019 7:00pm