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POTTSTOWN BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
Pottstown Borough Hall Council Chambers Room
100 E High Street
September 25, 2008
7:30 PM

MINUTES

Present: Dan Weand, Chairperson, Stephen Toroney, Vice Chairperson,
Terry Fetterman, Thomas Hylton & Karen Weil
Also Present: Gregory Schantz, Borough Solicitor
Doug Dilliplane, P.E., Bursich Associates
Jim Ennis, Montgomery County Planning Commission,
& Michelle Borzick, Zoning Work Leader
Absent: Chuck Garner, Borough Solicitor

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weand at 7:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hylton motions to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2008 Planning Commission meeting, seconded by Mr. Toroney.

Mr. Toroney notes correction to the minutes: pg. 4, Manatawny Village, last sentence "... was provided to council they did say..." should reflect "... was provided to council they did *not* say..."
Correction noted.

Motion carried.

678 Oakdale Ave, extend rear porch roof

Mr. Fay shares pictures with the commission and recommends approval.

Mr. Hylton motions to approve as submitted, Mr. Toroney seconded.

Motion carried.

1014 Belleview Ave, replace front porch

Mr. Fay shares photos with the commission to rebuild the porch and would suggest to maintain the shape of the columns if possible. Mr. Hylton questions the condition of the existing columns. Mr. Fisher, owner present, indicates the columns are insect infested and in poor condition. Discussions continue.

Mr. Hylton motions for Mr. Fay to work with the applicant allowing Mr. Fay the discretion to approve something on behalf of the commission, Mr. Toroney seconded.

Motion carried.

Manatawny Gateway, acknowledge receipt.

Mr. Hylton motions to acknowledge receipt, Mr. Fetterman seconded.

Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Old Business

Blighted Property Committee – Mr. Weand advises the commission of the properties that were enacted through resolution as blighted. All the other properties suggested from the planning commission were submitted to the committee. Mr. Toroney expresses his concerns regarding the Frederick Brothers Building.

There were discussions regarding the vacant property list, properties owned by the Borough of Pottstown.

Pottstown Regional Planning – Mr. Toroney advises that the transportation study presentation has been delayed. Mr. Ennis offers comments to the same. Mr. Toroney further informs the commission of a vote for amendments to the master plan. Conversations continued regarding where redevelopment is to occur & about the purpose of Pottstown Regional Planning.

LED lighting & solar panel ordinance – Conversations regarding the LED & solar panel draft. Mr. Schantz advises that they would expect the draft would be considered at the November 2008 council meeting. Mr. Ennis informs the commission of comments stated in letter form from the county. Mr. Hylton suggests that the letter from the county be emailed to the commission members.

Manatawny Village – Mr. Weand questions any information regarding the Yohn Farmhouse. Ms. Borzick advises the commission that the inspector, Dave Borzick, is aware of the concerns of the commission and will be watching for any changes as he travels through the development for other inspections.

The Wright Group, Hanover Square – Mr. Toroney questions the results of a recent meeting. Ms. Borzick and Mr. Dilliplane advise of the results of the preconstruction meeting and progress of the project. Discussions continue regarding the construction.

Fecera's, Beech Street Lofts – Mr. Toroney questioned any progress with this project. Ms. Borzick advises that nothing has been presented to the Codes Office. Will speak to the owners directly and advise the commission.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.