

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2021 – 7:30PM

Meeting was held virtually on www.zoom.us and called to order at 7:30PM by Ms. Cimarolli.

Present included: Justine Cimarolli, Tim Nath, Michael Tolmer, Larry Lennon (late arrival – 7:36pm,) Dale Livingston and Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager / Zoning Officer

Absent: None.

Public comment (on / off agenda) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:

Robert Fryer informed the Planning Commission that he has submitted three proposals to the Borough this year. The first and second plans show designs for the Commercial Street Culvert that he believes would reduce future flooding. He stated that he recently discovered DEP permit documents for this culvert that studies suggest is the source of flooding in Bridgeville. Mr. Fryer suggested that this culvert be replaced with a bridge. The last plan he summarized is a two-way couple design for Bower Hill Road and Baldwin Street. He commented that the Planning Commission should be outraged by PENNDOT's plans to toll I-79 as PENNDOT has ignored the Route 50 traffic congestion problem for years.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- **February 22, 2021**

Motion to adopt the February 22, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Tolmer; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2021 Small Scope Projects from the 2020 Concept Scoping by Commissioners

Ms. Cimarolli reviewed the following:

SMALL TOWN CHARM

- Part of Summary Scope included in Comprehensive Plan Update, but not all
- Add street amenities, benches, adopt a planter
- Involve local business owners to adopt beautification efforts
- Market Bridgeville as a walkable community
- Review Zoning in mixed use district to determine if there is anything that can be done to encourage Business development

BOROUGH CLEANUP

- Not included in Comprehensive Plan Update
- Image improvement
- Planning organization, procurement of donations necessary
- Emphasis on community support and involvement

TRAFFIC STUDY

- Except for traffic congestion, other items, i.e., speed, volume not included in update
- Investigate Walkable Communities and work towards certification
- Consider a community forum of citizens to better understand issues
- Consider efforts to calm traffic
- Understand traffic volume and mix
- Look at state, county & local laws regarding street parking & enforcing laws

EVALUATION OF EXISTING PARCELS

- Partially included in Comprehensive Plan Update
- Is there any existing undeveloped property
- Consolidate list of properties that fits under certain parameters
- Future Planning Commission meeting with appropriate residents to discuss pursuit of properties

Code Enforcement – Not included in Plan update but resolved.

It was agreed that the Planning Commission will proceed less formally with these topics in the coming months.

Mr. Livingston questioned what can we do about the issues of parking? Ms. Cimarolli stated that she would like to reach out to the Parking Authority and invite a representative from the Authority to our April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Borough Manager's Update:
Manager Kauer updated the Commission on the following:
 - Active Transportation Plan – Active Allegheny Grant Awarded, \$27,000 project that can start this year. He stated that he is currently working on the project's RFP. Once the project gets approval from the County to proceed, he will seek the input of the Commission on the project's scope.
 - PENNDOT Safety Review of Washington Avenue – formal request submitted. The Manager stated that PENNDOT responded this past Friday and stated that we will have the results of their review within three to five weeks.
 - Comprehensive Plan Grant has been submitted, will know if funded in late summer / early fall. \$75,000 project grant to fund half has been submitted. He stated that the President of Council will be setting up a Committee of Planning Commissioners and Councilmembers to review the proposals and interview firms.
- Tabled Agenda Items:
 - Pedestrian Safety: Police Chief's report – summary of pedestrian involved collisions for the past 10 years. The Manager reported that this report has been provided to PENNDOT and will be part of the planning in the upcoming Active Transportation Plan Project.

Mr. Livingston suggested inviting Mr. Justin Beinhauer to a future meeting to discuss trails that can be built in our area. He stated that Mr. Beinhauer presented such plans at a talk a while back at the Bridgeville Library.

Ms. Cimarolli reported that she recently participated in a Borough's Association Training Class and suggested protocols be established for Planning Commission Meetings such as requiring public speakers to identify themselves and address. Mr. Livingston stated that other communities have time limits for public speakers and questioned if that was considered. Mr. Lennon stated that such protocols were in place in year's past but were best practiced in person rather than the current virtual setting.

Ms. Cimarolli questioned if the Commission would like to go back to in-person meetings. Mr. Livingston stated that he has reservations as he lives with a family member who is high-risk. Mr. Nath, Lennon and Tolmer were ok with going back to in person and suggested that improvements be made to the Borough's visual and audio equipment in Council Chambers so that the meeting can be both in person and on Zoom. No decision was made.

Mr. Lennon acknowledged the passing of former Mayor Pat DeBlasio Sr. He stated that Mr. DeBlasio was a long-time member of the Planning Commission who gave a lot to the town and was always thinking outside of the box.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nath, seconded by Mr. Tolmer; meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Zoning Officer