

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021 – 7:00PM

Meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually on www.zoom.us. Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Ms. Cimarolli.

Present included: Justine Cimarolli, Dale Livingston, Tim Nath, Michael Tolmer and Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager / Zoning Officer

Absent: None.

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

1. **Mr. Bob Fryer, Hunters Path, South Fayette Township**, expressed his concerns of the potential economic impact that would affect our community should the tolling of the I-79 Bridgeville Bridge / Interchange be implemented by PENNDOT. He presented four traffic mitigation improvement concepts to the Commission and encouraged them to incorporate them into the Borough's Comprehensive Plan and lobby the state that they be implemented immediately.
2. **Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue**, questioned what traffic improvement projects are proposed by the Commission moving forward. He understands that there are flood and planning projects proposed but wanted to learn more about what traffic plans are being discussed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- **October 25, 2021**

Motion to adopt the October 25, 2021, meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Tolmer; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Active Transportation Plan Progress Update:**

Ms. Cimarolli stated that the first public workshop meeting was held in October and that it was very well attended. She stated that a lot of input was received at the meeting and on the online survey leading up to it. She reported that the Steering Committee met on December 1st and reviewed the comments received and discussed a prioritization of proposed projects to be included in the plan. The next public meeting has been scheduled for February 8, 2022, 6PM at the Firehall.

2. **2022 Visioning – Work Plan Discussion**

Ms. Cimarolli stated that there were numerous small projects proposed earlier this year that haven't gotten off the ground. She discussed her concerns and hopes to address these efforts in 2022 in addition to the planning work for the Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan. She questioned the other Commissioners as to their interest in planning efforts in the new year.

Mr. Tolmer expressed a desire to advance planning to improve the North End including traffic congestion. He encouraged the Borough to work with Collier Township and the Route 50 Task Force to advance this project. There was a general discussion that the Borough has been in recent talks with PENNDOT about this.

Mr. Tolmer also proposed the creation of Borough Shade Tree Program that includes possible plantings on Washington Avenue. Ms. Cimarolli suggested that we identify locations for trees and apply for grants to fund the project.

Mr. Nath suggested that we bring back an annual Clean Up Day. He stated that it could include a tree planting element and even have a block party afterwards on Railroad Street after the work is done. He said this would be a nice opportunity to then get the community involved with the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Cimarolli expressed a desire to explore transforming the FEMA flood acquisition lots on Baldwin Street and create additional public parking on them constructed with permeable pavement. She also stated that we should consider reuse of the other blight removal lots to see if the properties could be redeveloped.

Mr. Tolmer proposed the creation of a committee of volunteers to help citizens with maintaining their properties should they have a hardship. He even proposed having the community help with such efforts during the annual Clean Up Day.

Mr. Livingston stated that a Clean Up Day would be a great event for all Bridgeville Service Clubs to be part of. He added that with the Active Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Plan Projects, it is going to be a busy next couple of years.

Mr. Pat DeBlasio stated that the Italian Club may be withdrawing from the Flood Buyout Program as the appraised value of the club building does not afford them the possibility to purchase another building equal to it. He called upon the Commission to think of potential future homes for the Italian Club.

Manager Kauer called upon the Commission to continue vetting Phases 2 and 3 of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project. The Borough Council is still waiting for the Commission's advice and input on these phases.

Mr. Fryer called upon the Commission to explore traffic engineering of Bower Hill Road to increase the capacity of the roadway like the other four-lane sections of Bower Hill Road outside of Bridgeville.

Ms. Cimarolli thanked Mr. Nath, Lennon, and Deklewa for their service on the Commission. She stated that everyone did an excellent job this year and completed a lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL ITEMS) VISITORS PLEASE STATE NAME AND ADDRESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Nath; meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager / Zoning Officer