

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23, 2022 – 7:00PM**

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

Present included: Justine Cimarolli, Dale Livingston, Michael Tolmer, Melissa Guiliani, Elizabeth Bellaver and Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager / Zoning Officer

Absent: None.

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

**Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township**, emphasized that the US Congress will be passing a trillion-dollar federal infrastructure bill and that the Planning Commission needs its consultant to immediately prepare a basic plan that calls for the widening of Bower Hill Road and Washington Avenue to four lanes in order to capitalize on this funding. He also encouraged the Borough to incorporate into its funding requests the statistics that show the health setbacks sustained by our citizenry as result of the traffic.

**Councilman Joe Colosimo** stated that the federal funding has been approved and that the State was awarded \$2,000,000,000 that the legislature has yet to allocate.

**Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue**, requested the Planning Commission to come up with a plan to address traffic, flooding, and development problems on Bower Hill Road from Painters Run Road to the Port Authority Bus Garage. He stated this plan needs to be a regional effort and the region is looking to us to solve these issues.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- **April 25, 2022**  
Motion to adopt the April 25, 2022, 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**

Ms. Bellaver stated that she is struggling with the plan as it seems “slap-dash” filled with grammatical and typographical errors. She expressed concerns with its quality and stated she disagrees with the plan, notably the proposed Library to Downtown Bridge.

The Borough Manager explained how the Steering Committee and community came up with the concepts included in the plan and asked that recommended edits be forwarded to him as soon as possible so that it can be addressed in the final draft. He stated that the May Draft Plan is posted to the Borough website and in the Borough Building Lobby for the public to review.

Mr. Pat DeBlasio expressed objections to the proposed Library Bridge, stating that it needs to be real and a design the community will implement.

Mr. Livingston stated that the Library Bridge is a conceptual plan that meets ADA requirements and if it were to be implemented the final design can be amended. Mr. DeBlasio recommended the construction of a building across from the library with an elevator that would connect to a bridge over the railroad tracks to the library.

Ms. Cimarolli stated that the residents who participated in this planning effort expressed a desire for this bridge and the plan for it in the Active Transportation Plan is only a concept that can be changed.

Motion to recommend acceptance of the Active Transportation Plan to Borough Council was made by Mr. Tolmer, seconded by Mr. Livingston, provided that the typographical and grammatical errors are fixed before presentation to Borough Council; motion carried, 4-1, with Mrs. Bellaver voting no.

**2. Comprehensive Plan – update report**

Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Steering Committee had its first meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. She reviewed the makeup of the Steering Committee's membership and outlined the process that is currently underway including reviewing the project's scope of work.

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

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that the Planning Commission should not have passed the recommendation to accept the Active Transportation Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Guiliani; meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Zoning Officer