

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2022 – 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 Mr. Tolmer.

Present included: Dale Livingston, Michael Tolmer, Melissa Guiliani and Elizabeth Bellaver.

Absent: Justine Cimarolli and Joseph Kauer, Borough Manager / Zoning Officer

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

None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- **May 23, 2022**

Motion to adopt the May 23, 2022, meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Elizabeth Bellaver; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Comprehensive Plan – update report

Mr. Tolmer explained that Bridgeville is working on a comprehensive plan update which is basically a road map of how we want to Bridgeville to look in the next 10 – 15 years. The Steering Committee is made up of 12 people including the community and some members of Council. Mr. Tolmer said that a community event is being planned for the second week of October 2022 to engage the public.

Mr. Livingston said that they are looking for public input to improve traffic and flooding issues.

2. Residential Off-Street Parking in Front Yards (continued discussion)

Ms. Bellaver stated she has read through the bulk of the information provided by Mr. Kauer and Bridgeville doesn't have the rules and regulations in place that other communities have. She thinks the Planning Commission needs to decide what they want to do relative to off-street parking. Ms. Bellaver asked if properties that already have one would be allowed to keep it?

Mr. Tolmer said you can't go back and tell property owners to dig up their parking pad. It has to be moving forward after rules are in place and feels it needs to be as a case-by-case decision.

Mr. Livingston said there are older neighborhoods in Bridgeville. There must be a balance and a process in place.

Ms. Bellaver also said that she walks the neighborhoods every day and sees many people not using their garages for car storage.

Mr. Livingston said the issue is that people are starting to put parking pads in their front yards. The ones that have been recently permitted are ones that didn't have a driveway or access to their back yard.

After further discussion, the Planning Commission concluded and agreed to have the Solicitor put something together similar to Carnegie Borough with curb cut limits for their review.

3. Baldwin Street (FEMA – Flood Acquisition Lots – Reuse Plan (discussion))

Mr. Tolmer said there are several possible uses for the empty lots on Baldwin Street within FEMA's parameters. He said the Planning Commission should come up with a list before September's meeting and asked if the Commission should poll the public at the event in October?

Mr. Livingston said the public event is a perfect opportunity and the Commission should prioritize the list of short-term and long-term projects and discuss what they'd like to see implemented at the next meeting.

Ms. Guillani mentioned having a community garden. GROW Pittsburgh is a program that offers resources, ideas, and workshops to help communities create and maintain a community garden.

4. Active Transportation Plan Projects – Implementation Recommendations (discussion)

Mr. Tolmer asked if there are any recommendations for short term projects?

Mr. Livingston said he'd like to look over the adopted plan, have everyone create a prioritized list, and discuss what they would like to see implemented at the next meeting.

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

Joe Verduci, 631 Elm Street, requested the Planning Commission to consider reviewing and updating the Borough's Ordinances for landlords and rental properties within the next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Mr. Tolmer; meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Glowark
Assistant to the Borough Manager