

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
December 4 2023 – 7:00PM

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

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

Absent: Justine Cimarolli

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

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue, stated that in respect to public parking in the Borough's business district, the issue is not wayfinding like proposed in the Comprehensive Plan, but is the difficulty crossing Washington Avenue. He also stated that the current zoning of Washington Avenue is a strength to allow mixed uses such as light industrial and should not be changed. Mr. Tolmer stated that Bridgeville's strength and what makes our community special is our authentic downtown and it needs to be preserved.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

October 23, 2023

Motion to adopt the October 23, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Livingston, seconded by Ms. Guiliani; motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2024 Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Tolmer stated that the plan has been posted for Public Comment and Review on the Borough website, at the library and in the Borough Building lobby. It has also been provided to neighboring communities, Allegheny County and the Chartiers Valley School District. He stated that written comments will be accepted through December 15th. Mr. Tolmer reported that a Public Hearing will be scheduled for February 2024 with Borough Council.

Comprehensive Plan Recommendations:

Manager Kauer reported that funding has been dedicated in the 2024 Borough Budget for a Wayfinding Project and to create the downtown zoning district amendment. Regarding Wayfinding, he recommended that we identify what are the places to be identified on the signage then identify the intersections or locations for the signage with a goal to minimize sign clutter and create uniformity. Regarding the downtown zoning amendment, he reported that he talked to the state about securing funding for the project. They recommended to him to publish a Request for Proposals, get estimates then seek PA Municipal Assistance Grant to help offset the project costs.

2. Discussion Goals for 2024 (Identifying and Prioritizing: Comprehensive Plan Implementation / 2023 unfinished business / new objectives)

Community Educational Programing: Manager Kauer reported that he talked to the Pennsylvania Resource Council and that they are interested in hosting workshops for backyard composting and

watersheds & rain barrels here in Bridgeville next year. He also reported that he is working on an application to TreeVitalize for twenty-five trees to do a 2024 spring planting. The Manager stated that TreeVitalize is recommending we establish a Shade Tree Commission if the Borough desires to continue to seek TreeVitalize support.

Mrs. Bellaver stated that she would like to see more tree plantings in the Borough, including efforts to beautify Baldwin Street. She also recommended a tree clearing between the library and downtown so that the library can be visible from downtown and vice versa.

Mr. Livingston proposed quarterly implementation discussions for the Comprehensive Plan as the Commission currently does for the Active Transportation Plan.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Guiliani, seconded by Mrs. Bellaver; meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Zoning Officer