

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Macungie Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Allen Crawford at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present were Allen Crawford, William Drudy, Linn Walker and John Yerman. Also present were Borough Manager Chris Boehm and Administrative Assistant Cindy Hartzell. Robert Bogert was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Drudy, to approve the October 12, 2010 minutes. Motion carried: 4 ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. LVPC Newsletter
- b. Dale Eck, Macungie Historical Society, re: Comments to Demolition of Older Buildings zoning section amendment
- c. Lower Macungie Township, re: Zoning Map amendment request
- d. Ronald, Stephanie & Scott Bechtel, 429 E. Main Street, Macungie, re: Expressed opposition to 404 & 410 E. Main Street rezoning recommendation
- e. DEP, re: Stone Hill Station Planning Module
- f. Chairman Crawford suggested the Commissioners read the article, "Practical Tips for Citizen Planners", in the quarterly Planning Commission Journal. He thought it was a good informative article among the other articles in the magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 404 & 410 E. Main Street rezoning – Commissioners discussed the issue of rezoning the property of 404 & 410 E. Main Street. Borough Manager Boehm explained that Chris Becker, the property owner, had come before the Planning Commission in September requesting consideration to rezone his property to the Town Center zoning district. A recommendation has been noted in the Downtown Master Plan. Commissioners will discuss this issue further when a formal request is made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Lighting Regulations – Commissioner Yerman presented a revised lighting regulation ordinance. All the changes were made from the last meeting. There was more conversation about existing lighting being grandfathered. Commissioner Yerman will revise that section. Borough Manager Boehm noted she will provide a copy to the new Zoning Officer, Brian J. Nixon, for review.

b. Historic Buildings and Overlay District – The Macungie Historical Society reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding demolition of older buildings. They were more agreeable to the regulation being in the zoning ordinance that would cover the whole Borough instead of a Historical District overlay. The Historical Society had some concern on some buildings that were built after 1940 but gave no opposition to the 1940 construction date. The Commissioners approved of the amendment as stands but would like Zoning Officer Nixon to review for any comments before giving the amendment to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
Administrative Assistant