

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, September 13, 2011, at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present were Chris Becker, Allen Crawford, William Drudy, Linn Walker and John Yerman. Also present were Zoning Officer Brian J. Nixon and Administrative Assistant Cindy Hartzell.

Chairman Crawford welcomed Chris Becker to the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Drudy, to approve the April 12, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 1 abstain (Commissioner Becker was not present)

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, re: Street Connectivity – Chairman Crawford commented that the Street Connectivity guide was informative and could be used for any new development proposed in the Borough.
- b. Lower Macungie Township, re: Amendment of Township Zoning and SALDO Ordinances
- c. Planning Commission Journal – Chairman Crawford noted there is an article in the Journal about demolition of buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lower Macungie Township Amendment of Township Zoning and SALDO Ordinances - Zoning Officer Nixon reviewed the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and to the SALDO of Lower Macungie Township. He noted the amendments were mostly administrative related and those amendments would not have an impact on the Borough. There was some concern about the Zoning Ordinance and the SALDO of Lower Macungie Township as a whole because there was no review of the actual ordinances.

After further discussion, Chairman Crawford made a motion to give a recommendation to Council that the amendments to the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance and the amendments to the Lower Macungie Township SALDO should have not impact on the Borough, second by Commissioner Walker. Motion carried: 5 ayes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Lighting Regulations – Commissioner Yerman discussed the proposed regulation with Zoning Officer Nixon. Zoning Officer Nixon had some concerns about the level of light allowed to spill over onto the adjoining property and the legality of a nonconforming light. After a discussion, Commissioner Yerman noted he had some direction on some items and will have a revised regulation for the next meeting.
- b. Historic Buildings Demolition – Zoning Officer Nixon provided the comments from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC) on the proposed demolition ordinance. Commissioner Becker was concerned and not in favor that the ordinance deals with regulation of the preservation of the historical buildings and not just demolition of a building. After a discussion, the Commissioners will review the comments from the PHMC and discuss them at the next meeting. A final draft will be drawn up and if approved will be given to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
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