

Mount Joy Borough Planning Commission
April 10, 2019 Minutes



The April 10, 2019, Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Chairperson Wendy Melhorn. Commissioners Sweigart, Miller, Deering, Rebman and Gault were present. The Mount Joy Borough Zoning Officer, Stacie Gibbs and the Borough Manager, Samuel Sulkosky were present.

REORGANIZATION

The Planning Commission reviewed their current By-Laws. Sweigart advised that there is a grammatical error in section 4 last line, and in section 4 two lines above that.

On a motion by Sweigart and a second by Miller, the By-Laws were readopted with corrections. *Motion carried 5-0.*

On a motion by Sweigart and a second by Miller, Wendy Melhorn was nominated for Chairperson and accepted the position. *Motion carried 5-0.*

On a motion by Miller and a second by Deering, Wendy Sweigart was nominated for Vice Chairperson and accepted the position. *Motion carried 5-0.*

MINUTES

On a motion by Sweigart and a second by Rebman, the February 13, 2019, minutes were approved with corrections. *Motion carried 5-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main Street, was reading the Active Transportation Plan which was on the agenda for last month and Sterling advised it mentions Complete Streets several times. Sterling thought we were supposed to get a presentation by the County on Complete Streets. Gibbs advised that staff conducted a presentation to the County for the grant. Gibbs advised that the County is to have a “kick-off” meeting for the Complete Streets Implementation Grant.

Sterling also advised that he sees guidelines for the community conservation partnership trail study. He asked if that impacts the completion of the “Emerald Necklace.” He said he got the guidelines from somewhere. No one knew where he got the guidelines from.

Sterling advised that on the Official Map, he wanted to know if the Commission was going to place outside leader streets onto the Official Map. Gibbs asked if he was speaking about the pedestrian corridors. Sterling said that is what he was referring to. Sterling wanted to know if the removal of the pedestrian corridors because folks did not want sidewalks would affect the creation of the “Emerald Necklace.” Sulkosky advised the creation of the “Emerald Necklace” does not necessarily mean sidewalks will be installed. Sulkosky advised it could be trails.

Tim Bradley, 930 Wood Street wanted to reference the newspaper article that was published and quoted him directly. Bradley advised that a Planning Commission member already reached out to him about these quotations and Bradley wanted the Commission to know that it mischaracterized

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his statements. He advised the quote made it sound like he was blaming the Commission for a number of things. Bradley went on to explain his quotes and what he said.

Wendy Melhorn read a personal letter to the Mayor regarding her reaction to the newspaper article.

UPDATES

The Planning Commission was provided a copy of the Zoning and Code Officer report by email.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Miller and a second by Sweigart the commission recommended Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft, send notices and advertise the Official Map Ordinance changes.

After discussion, the Commission determined that no amendments are needed at this time to the Official Map. The Commission realizes that Old Standby Park is not shown as a park on the Official Map, but they pointed out that the Zoning Map has been amended to show that Old Standby is a park.

Miller withdrew his motion and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

None

On a motion by Miller and a second by Sweigart, the Planning Commission meeting of April 10, 2019, was adjourned. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacie Gibbs, Zoning, Code and Planning Administrator