

Mount Joy Borough Planning Commission

July 12, 2017 Minutes



The July 12, 2017, Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Chairperson Wendy Melhorn. Commissioners Sweigart, Rebman, and Deering were present. The Mount Joy Borough Zoning Officer, Stacie Gibbs was also present. Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky was also present. Lancaster County Community Planner Brad Stewart was also present. Dave Salley, Stormwater Officer was also present.

MINUTES

On a motion by Sweigart and a second by Rebman, the May 10, 2017, minutes were approved with corrections. Motion carried 3-0 with Deering abstaining because he was not present at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ned Sterling, 34 W. Main Street, asked if the ARLE Grant was part of the signal timing project. Sulkosky advised that the grant is to improve audible signals at crosswalks on Main Street and it is not part of the signal timing. Salley advised that the Grant is to improve crosswalks and symbols which would become LED.

Ned Sterling, 34 W. Main Street, asked about the parking study. Gibbs advised that she is not involved with the parking study and provided documents and previous parking studies to Kim Brewer, Main Street Manager. Sulkosky advised that the Public Works Committee is working on that study.

Ned Sterling, 34 W. Main Street asked what staff talks about at the biweekly train station meetings. Sterling wondered if these meetings were to discuss problems with the project. Gibbs advised that the project manager provides updates on the project, and provides upcoming information such as road closures. Gibbs further advised that staff uses this information to place on the website. Sterling asked where he could find that information on the website. Gibbs advised that there is a slide on the home page and if Sterling clicks on the slide, he would be taken to a page that allows you to choose what you would like to view. Such as road closures, night work, etc. Sweigart asked if there were any problems that we know about. Sweigart advised that it appears they are having issues with drilling the pylons. She said the workers appear to keep hitting water and they end up covered in mud. Sulkosky said there are a lot of pylons to be drilled. He believes there are over 100 pylons to be drilled. Sweigart advised that it appears there is only around 20 that have been installed. Gibbs advised that they have their biweekly meeting tomorrow and they can ask about that.

UPDATES

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

Gibbs advised that the Old Standby Park has not been dedicated to the Borough yet. Therefore, there will be no ribbon cutting ceremony on July 24, 2017. Gibbs advised staff will communicate in August when the ribbon cutting will be.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacie Gibbs and Dave Salley provided a draft of the Smart Growth Transportation Funding application the Borough is planning to submit for funding to create a Complete Streets Implementation Guide. Gibbs conducted a PowerPoint presentation with the assistance of Salley. Ned Sterling asked if Rapho Township was on Board with this kind of stuff. Gibbs advised that the Borough is looking to complete the “Emerald Necklace” within the Borough, and create complete streets within the Borough first before looking to adjacent municipalities to make connections. Sulkosky advised that they have great relationships with neighboring municipalities and that he recently spoke with the Manheim Borough Manager regarding connections. He advised they were on board with creating connections between municipalities. Stewart advised that he did not think that all neighboring municipalities had the tools in place to begin a complete streets program. He does not think Rapho Township has an official map. He does know that Mount Joy Township has an official map. He said Mount Joy Borough is on the right track. Stewart continued to advise that if the Borough can kick-start pedestrian connections on Main Street, it will lead to future connections 20-30 years down the road. He advised that these things take time and will not happen overnight. Sweigart asked if the guide will improve bus stops. Gibbs advised that it is staff’s desire that the Guide will include ways to improve and even add safer bus stops within the Borough. Stewart advised that the County and EDC are coordinating to develop a plan to provide connections to the Route 283 and Route 230 corridors. Melhorn asked what the next step is. Gibbs advised that the application and supporting documents are due on Monday, July 17, 2017. Gibbs further advised that they will be contacted in September she believes to schedule a “interview” where staff will give this same presentation to the Counties Technical Advisory Committee. Gibbs advised that if they receive the funding, it will not become available to the next federal fiscal year which is October 1, 2018. Sweigart advised that some of the slides showed the routes in which she walks. Sweigart advised that she would like to see pedestrian and transportation connections made within the Borough for Borough residents before we look at connecting to adjacent municipalities. Ned Sterling asked if there was anything we could start now. Gibbs advised that staff has been directed to wait for funding. Stewart advised that staff could contact Lighten Up Lancaster to get things started for a walk audit. Gibbs advised that staff has been in contact with them previously and has the documentation. Gibbs advised that a walk audit requires several meetings prior to the walk and notification to the public.

On a motion by Deering, and a second by Sweigart, the Planning Commission meeting of July 12, 2017, was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacie Gibbs, Zoning Officer