

**Mount Joy Borough
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm, Thursday, April 8, 2010**

Chair Wendy Melhorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Steve Gault, Sue Sterling and Deb Sagerer. Zoning Officer Stacie Gibbs represented Borough staff.

Approval of the Minutes

On a motion by Sterling and a second by Gault the April 8, 2010, meeting minutes were unanimously approved with corrections.

Public Input

None.

Updates

Gibbs advised that she forwarded the Lancaster County Planning Commission link for the Commission to review the Donegal Region Comprehensive Plan Draft Existing Conditions, Survey Results and Draft Vision Statement are available for viewing. Gibbs also advised that the next public meeting for the Plan will be on June 9, 2010, with the location to be determined.

Gibbs advised that she had not heard back from Barbara Raid with Historic York regarding the Borough's application for the Historic Industrial District. Gibbs advised that she will try to call her again next month for a status update.

Melhorn questioned the status of the YMCA project. Gibbs advised that at Council's meeting on April 5, 2010, Council reaffirmed the previous Memorandum of Understanding.

Gibbs also advised that she is anticipating an official letter regarding the withdrawal of the Janus School Concept Plan on Lefever Road. Gibbs advised that the Commission should think about some recommendations of whether or not the Traditional Neighborhood Zoning District is the best use for the tract of land. Gibbs advised that this would be a good discussion especially with the Donegal Region Comprehensive Plan moving forward. Gault advised that it would be nice to see a hotel like the Residence Inn. Gault advised that the school could still get their original use out of this. Sterling advised that people often have relatives come in and they have no where to stay. Gibbs advised that this is a good idea because it would create tax base and create some jobs. Most commission members liked this idea. Gault advised that Steve Evans who is employed with High Real Estate is also a board member for the Janus School. The Commission requested that Gibbs contact him with this idea. Sagerer advised that hotels like the Residence Inn also provides large suites and conference rooms available for meetings. Sterling also advised that when Elizabethtown College has events there is no where for people to stay and this would be a great idea.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Official Map for the upcoming adoption of the Regional Strategic Plan for the municipalities of Conoy Township, Elizabethtown Borough, Mount Joy Township and West Donegal Township, relative to the proposed transportation and recreational facilities. Gault advised that

our neighbors to the west and north are in the process of finishing up their comprehensive plan and one of the recommendations was to create an Official Map as a “tool” that allows them to show future improvements, i.e. transportation map, recreation map, etc. The Planning Commission reviewed the maps and discussed among themselves. Gault advised that there is no motion needed but, if there are comments they should be submitted prior to the public meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2010, where action will be taken on this proposed ordinance.

Melhorn questioned why the new road proposed possibly on the Lancaster Career and Technology Center property was not on the map. Gault was not sure if the proposed road is to be in Mount Joy Township or Mount Joy Borough. The Commission agreed that this road should be on the map and Gault advised that this will be a comment that is submitted. Gault advised that he will send the comment to Pat Kadel at Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 pm, Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacie Gibbs, Zoning Officer