

Jim Thorpe Planning Commission

May 16, 2017

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Lou Hall, Joe Micko, Joanne Klitsch, Jolene Evans, Jim Nanovic. Absent: Clem McGinley, Nancy Porambo

Visitors: James Dougher, Mauch Chunk Guest House, Charles Steward, Jim Thorpe Market, Pat Handwerk, Robert Evanlader, Michael Rivkin, Parsonage B & B, Jake Arner, Andrew Roberts, Dina Nehring, Mauch Chunk Ink, Sheila O'Neil, Guided Cupid, Jane Mason, Todd Mason, Jim Thorpe Market and Diane Prokop, Timeshouse

Jim Thorpe Market Expansion – Todd Mason presented a packet for the Jim Thorpe Market expansion. It included:

- Letters from Carbon County Conservation District (5/16/17), compliance engineers report (5/15/17).
- Darrin from Zoning, lawn coverage behind Market, the net coverage must cover the size of the new building.
- Ed Gula, sewer, needs two EDU's, one from each side of the building
- Greg Kurtz, Zoning, proposed well
- Jim Nanovic – letters from Carbon County for improvements. Need Borough approval
- Developers Agreement – five items must be taken care of

We recommend plan for approval. Five items must be taken care of and approved by Greg Kurtz. Joanne made motion, Lou seconded motion. All approved

C-3 Zoning Change – Michael Rivkin spoke for visitors. Hotel/motel/B&B, some need parking, some do not. They asked that no change be made, it would be unfair.

Lou indicated the purpose is to eliminate requirement that no-one can meet. It's from keeping people from placing an unnecessary variance request, we are also addressing parking issues.

Diane Prokop, small B&B's don't compare to the large Inn at Jim Thorpe and should not be held to this standard.

Lou indicated a parking study is being done. Michael, it was suggested that when we make recommendations to the Borough that the B&B's be taken out. Andrew suggested that if you still need a variance, they can change a B&B to VRBO by not serving breakfast.

Lou indicated he would recommend they attend a public meeting on 7/12/17 and make a draft of proposed changes that they would recommend to C-3 Zoning. Lou also indicated the Carbon County Commissioners have an ordinance for an annual permit for VRBO's to meet a 3% hotel tax.

Lou also indicated we are waiting on the parking survey before we can discuss downtown parking.

Readdressing – Lou indicated we continue to work on readdressing and it is not complete.

Nuisance Ordinance – Corrections have been made and it was sent out for approval.

Railroad Communications Tower – Tower is in historic district. Letter was sent to have feedback from railroad company on how the tower will look.

Jim Thorpe Memorial Sign – Jolene updated the group and stated Maureen indicated the Borough has applied for a grant. They have also applied for a grant for Twinning Park.

Motion to Adjourn – Jolene, seconded by Joe. Motion carried.