

Jim Thorpe Planning Commission
December 19, 2017

Meeting called to order: 6:37 p.m.

Members present: Lou Hall, Nancy Porambo, Joe Micko, Joanne Klitsch, Clem McGinley, Jolene Evans, John McGuire

Visitors present: Matthew Boggs, Entech Project Manager, Todd Mason, Jake Arner

Approval of Minutes: Nancy motioned to approve, John seconded. Motion carried

Market Project: Final approval is necessary today. Todd said he spoke with Matt and Keystone Engineering's engineer. There were some concerns regarding sewer connection (style) and final connection, Matt is ok with them. Added to plans was a small retaining wall on the JT Market side. He stated they moved the wall away from the mountain. It was more cost effective to move the sewer line than to build another retaining wall. This was the reason for the delay.

The retaining wall is 12' plus a 4' chain link fence on the top. How far from structure, there will be fill behind the wall. The blocks are locked in, each weigh 2,000 lbs.. The wall is designed by the company that sells the block.

John made a motion to approve, Jolene seconded. Joe asked about a maintenance agreement. Todd said they needed approval based on the list presented. Matt stated he looked at the (easement description), he suggested legal take a look at it before its recorded.

Parking & VRBO:

Clem asked that we review the parking issue. John commented under definitions on short term rentals, transient rentals will be the way we define them on the Borough. We need to make this uniform throughout.

Lou, on short-term rentals, Vacation Homes by Owners should be (J). That encompasses less than 30-day rentals (VRBO). Air B&B is referred to as a Platform. In larger areas, companies and people are coming into areas to buy homes and there is a discrepancy with people trying to rent long-term homes. We don't want corporations coming in to buy houses. We need to get a grip on this ASAP.

There also isn't anything on RV's and stretch limo's in the parking ordinance and it needs to be addressed.

The parking ordinance is to allow people to park on the streets
Instead of calling temporary permits, make them annual permits.

Lou, on short-term rentals, it says bed and breakfast, address (J) in the ordinance, language should be VRBO or transient rentals. You don't need to address platforms. Spell out VRBO.

Lou, Under B, temporary card in front of steering wheel, make it consistent with everyone.

If they have off-street parking already, what are you doing with these? Clem thought having a temporary or annual permit, there is no guarantee. Do we need to address this? They don't have to get a sticker. Annually fee should be \$10.00 to \$25.00 and council has the ability to adjust as needed.

Permanent permits will expire annually, replacement by January 31st.

Section (D) under abuse of permits, it results in revocation. Some of the language is contradictory. Lou suggests put under section 4 and determine what the penalty is going to be. Clem will modify it.

Clem will make a list of things that need to be put together and Lou will do the same. Things like smoke detectors, etc..

John make a comment about clean-up to Flagstaff. Penn State engineering class is trying to design something Adjourn: Jolene makes a motion to adjourn, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.