

Planning Commission
October 16, 2018

Meeting called to order: 630 p.m.

Roll call of members: Lou Hall, Nancy Porambo, Dr. Clem McGinley, Joanne Klitsch, Jolene Evans, John McGuire, Joe Micko

Visitors Present: Kevin Thompson, Mike Kafkalis, Richard Kuhn, Chris & Steve Allen.

Kuhn Subdivision: Minor subdivision, Lot I will be moved from an existing vacant lot of 5.9 acres from Richard and Mary Kuhn. Proposal is to section out a 1 plus acre lot for Kevin Thompson and his wife. The rest of the property is going to be added on to his existing one acre lot. Mike Kafkalis has a copy of the original subdivision of 1992. Carbon Engineering addressed the storm water ordinance. They are proposing a small basin (retention pond). Lou asked about the distance from well to septic, Kafkalis, 100', no issues there. There was a perk test done. There was question about the distance from the leech field to creek, it should be at least 50'. Mr. Kafkalis stated it is more than that.

There was question about the "waiver" language. Mike didn't know anything about this. This is a two-lot subdivision. There is a sand-mound septic system on one and the other is a proposed. Lou felt this was confusing. Mike said the Borough Secretary may have checked this off.

John he believes it means that if you can hook up to a sewer line, do that, but right now there is no reasonable possibility to do this, he feels that is what the waiver means.

John motioned to pass the sub-division as proposed, contingent upon gaining clarity about the waiver of the sewage facilities planning requirement. It is suspected that it means "hooking up to public sewer". Joanne seconded, motion carried.

Visitor, Steve Allen, 109 Center Street stated he lives an hour south of Jim Thorpe. He purchased two units in town, made one into a weekend rental. He also purchased another home recently, 200 Broadway. He wanted to connect with Planning. He feels he has improved his property sufficiently and has concerns about the ordinances being too restrictive. He stated he heard things from local residents. Lou clarified that there isn't really an issue, things are going very well and that we have concerns for safety, that's it.

Mr. Allen also suggested pick-up for garbage to be changed to Monday rather than Wednesday because he stated sometimes places are cleaned out after the weekend and the garbage lays on the curb till Wednesday. He indicated he makes t-shirts and gave his contact information as 267-664-8585.

Review/approval of August minutes:

Jolene motioned to pass the August minutes of the meeting as written with the change to have Jolene seconding to accept the July minutes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors:

County Plans for 76 Susquehanna St. – No information

Borough Facilities Upgrade Project and Funds Request:

Clem noted, they are moving across the street from the water plant, any reason? Joanne stated they needed room to expand. Utilities shouldn't be an issue. John stated there is a lot of land there and it may be able to be used for additional parking.

Lou indicated there are several questions the Borough Manager brought forward for our response:

- 1) Is the proposal consistent with state or local goals? **The goal is to move it away from children and where they are playing. We are moving the parking garage and all the other buildings. This space can be given back to the park.**
- 2) Proposal duplicate, run counter to, or need to be coordinated with other activities, or might it be revised to increase its effectiveness? **No, it doesn't.**
- 1) Will the proposal contribute to achieving state or local government goals relating to natural and human resources or economic and community development? **Yes, locally.**
- 2) Are there environmental impacts and alternatives that should be considered in the Agency's environmental review? **No**
- 3) Will the proposal influence area growth or delivery of services, **(Yes)**, including any disproportionate effects on minority groups? **(No)**
- 4) Will the proposal impact energy resource supply and demand? **No**
- 5) Will the proposal displace people or businesses? **No**
- 6) Will the proposal be located in a coastal zone or coastal barrier resource area and is it consistent with any state Coastal Management plan? **No**

Status of previous meeting tasks:

Re-addressing Eastern side Leisureland – Lou is meeting with two people from the County to review it.

Short-term Rentals – Lou and Doc will try to get together to set up a meeting.

Burning Ordinance – Need to add open burning to the ordinance. There were some question about putting it into the nuisance ordinance, DEP input needs to be put in, the fire chief needs to have input as well. It should be ready for 2019.

Parking Ordinance revisited – John read from a correspondence from Jim Nanovic who reviewed ordinances from Stroudsburg and Shelham Township. John will send to Lou and Lou will forward to PC.

Discussion of projects:

Borough Park Planning Review – grant application – Lou will add this next time.

Suggestions or Comments: We will approve September minutes next time.

Adjournment – 8:15, Jolene made motion to adjourn, Clem seconded. Motion carried.