

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:33 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Zoe Warner, Ph.D., Vice Chair
David Knies, Ph.D., Commissioner
Geoff Rubino, Commissioner
Scott Oswald, Commissioner
Brian Hamilton, Commissioner
Lynne Frederick, Alternate Commissioner

ABSENT:

Carroll Sinquett, Chair
Christopher Mongeau, Commissioner

Staff & Professionals Present:

Corinne J. Badman, Assistant Borough Manager and Assistant Zoning Officer
Kenneth Kynett, Esq., Planning Commission Solicitor

ABSENT:

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Geoff Rubino, seconded by Dr. David Knies, Ph.D., and carried by a vote of 4-0, to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission as submitted. Vice Chair Zoe Warner, Ph.D., abstained due to not being present at the September 7, 2023 meeting.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- Dark Skies Initiative.

The MPC discussed the tracking sheet, which Borough Administration is keeping to list complaints regarding nuisance lighting in the Borough. Since it seems to be a problem mostly with Commercial lighting and Borough lights, the MPC will wait to hear from the Traffic Engineers at the next meeting before formulating a plan of action. It was discussed that there needs to be a baseline for what and where we want to be as a Borough on this topic. The MPC is looking to reduce lighting in areas that have natural light and the costs involved with removing some lighting could be a factor.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance Review Top 5

The MPC discussed Borough Councils recommendation to start a review of the top five ordinances that are the most in need of review prior to the codification process due to the amount of time that will take. They would like a list of ordinances that come up during the plan review which need to be addressed. The MPC will also look into ordinances that may need work due to them being either outdated or redundant. The MPC discussed how to move forward on this project and will work off the action items from the Comprehensive Plan to start. This will be further discussed at a future meeting.

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- Other discussion items brought to the floor by the MPC

The MPC discussed giving monthly updates to Borough Council by attending one of the two monthly meetings and being a reoccurring speaker on the agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Pat Marcozzi, Channing Avenue, commented on the MPC being placed on a Council Meeting agenda monthly, and the new head of St. Patrick's Church is Monsignor Duncan.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. David Knies, Ph.D., seconded by Mr. Geoff Rubino, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Corinne J. Badman
Assistant Borough Manager & Assistant Zoning Officer
Secretary