

Planning Commission

May 20, 2014

The meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the council room of the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda PA.

The meeting was called to order by Erin Groves at 5:37 p.m.

Members Present: Erin Groves, Larry Kacyon, Shannon Clark, Ed Ulatowski, Jimmy Lacek, Evelyn Sherburne, Jim Lacek

Members Absent: Mark Christini, Keith Long

Others: Jim Haight, Public Works Code Enforcement Supervisor, Kyle Lane, Borough Manager

Visitors: Joyce Kerrick, Wayne Fuller, Mark Henery, Clifford Swick, Bill Klees, Brady Storm

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 18, 2014 meeting were approved by a motion made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Kacyon, approved.

New Business

Public Hearing for Community Cup, 421 Main St.; Special Exception

Mr. Haight explained that the Community Cup has requested that apartments be put in the second or higher floors this is listed as a Special Exception in the Borough code book; this is a permitted use of this property. Mr. Haight stated that parking for the additional occupancy in the C2 district and should be addressed by this Board. Mr. Haight stated that the planning commission needs to make a recommendation on behalf of the Borough Council to the Zoning Hearing Board in reference to this matter. Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the Community Cup application and they are to furnish one parking spot per apartment a total of four spots, seconded by Mr. Kacyon, approved.

R-4 Special One-Family Residential District

The Towanda Borough Council received a letter from Mr. Franklin Innes requesting that residences in R4 be permitted to be zoned as a residential bed and breakfast. Mr. Haight stated that all districts except the R4 list residential bed and breakfasts, Mr. Haight stated that the residences would still have to have a special exception in order to be turned into a bed and breakfast. A motion was made by Ms. Clark that the Borough Council include bed and breakfast in the R4 Zone, they would have to meet the requirements of setback, privacy and parking, seconded by Larry Kacyon, approved.

Fencing

Jessica Raber requested to be heard in reference to putting up a fence at her residence on the corner of Fourth and State Street. Mr. Haight states the ordinance reads “on a corner lot no authorized fence shall extend beyond the lines of any building located in whole or in part on the corner lot”, Mr. Haight interprets this meaning the back yard is only thing that could have a fence, it would not extend to any side of the building as to impede sight. Ms. Groves made a motion that the

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Borough Council take a look at the ordinance for revision to state “not all lines but street lines of the building” seconded by Mr. Kacyon, approved.

Meeting time

A motion was made by Ms. Groves have council review changing the planning committee meeting time from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Review was done of contact information for all Board members.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Maynard
Recording Secretary