

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – JULY 21, 2020

The meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, in the Council Room of the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Lacek at 7:05 PM.

Members Present: Jim Lacek-Chairman; Erin Groves, Karen Johnson-Vice-Chairman; Mark Christini; Kevin Doupe'; Jimmy Lacek, Kayla Saxon, Diane Siegmund

Members Absent:

Others: None present

Visitors: None present

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kevin Doupe' and seconded by Jimmy Lacek to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting. Motion passed.

New Business: Continuing to work on drafting the Vacant Property Ordinance for Towanda Borough Code.

- A. The Commission continued with discussions and viewing examples from other Borough's Vacant Property Registration Ordinances.

Among the previous samples, the group discussed the Abington, PA (suggested by Mr. Christini) vacant properties ordinance which had good definitions for vacant, tiered fee structuring, waiver for active demo or rehab plans, right for inspection clause, duty to amend, and more.

All were in agreement to begin the ordinance with the "Title and Purpose", and the commission felt that they needed to read the various other borough's structures and meet in a couple weeks informally (August 4th at 6 PM) to discuss this before the next Planning Meeting on August 18, 2020.

Other New Business: None reported.

Old Business:

- A. Update Regional Comprehensive Plan – Regional Comprehensive Plan 2007 links:
This will have to wait until after the CENSUS is complete, Manager Lane to apply for DCED grant money.

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- B. Update SCI Master Plan – As stated last month, the plan is to incorporate the YMCA with the trail project that is in the planning process.

This money is on hold for now – includes the “Trail” project.

- C. Pocket Park on Park Street (see attached) – Everyone was asked to think about ideas to utilize this space.

Gazebo idea on hold due to financial for now.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Diane Siegmund and seconded by Mark Christini to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, at 7 PM.



Recording Secretary
Planning Commission