

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
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The meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in the Council Room of the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA.

The meeting was called to order and roll call done by Chairman Kacyon at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Larry Kacyon - Chairman, Mark Christini, Erin Groves, Jim Lacek, Jimmy Lacek

Members Absent: Kevin Doupe, Karen Johnson, Keith Long & Diane Siegmund

Others: None

Visitors: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Jimmy Lacek to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018, meeting. Motion passed.

The board once again discussed trailers, boats, campers and RV's parked on borough streets, which includes commercial trailers. Mr. Christini stated the issue is trailers, boats, campers and RV's, and the biggest concern is the streets where it is narrower and is tough to get emergency vehicles through these streets. He also stated that Council would like to see it more tightly controlled or restricted knowing that many people have room to park them on their own property.

Mr. Christini thinks that Elm Street would be a good spot to park these RV's and trailers. However, there may be an insurance liability, the borough would have to decide. It would be easy access.

Mrs. Groves referred to Chapter 298: Vehicles, Abandoned, Chapter §298-1 Definitions. Abandoned.

Consensus is that we do not need to add boat to definitions, as a boat is transported using a utility trailer.

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NOTE: The following code items were made into motions by the Planning Commission for amending, and presented to Borough Council in the September and August Council meetings.

They will be now be reviewed by Borough Solicitor, Fred Smith.

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Motion #1 of 2 – prohibit parking of all trailers **and RV's** on streets in residential zoning districts, but allow on residential real property (in driveway or yard)

Chapter 305: Vehicles and Traffic

ARTICLE VII Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones

§ 305-57 B. (2) No owner or operator of any trailer **or R.V.** ~~having a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds~~ shall park or store, in whole or in part, said trailer **or R.V.** on any street ~~or residential real property~~ located within a R-1, R-2, R-3 or R-4 residential zoning district.

**Motion was made by Mr. Christini and seconded by Mrs. Groves.
Motion passed.**

Motion #2 of 2 – change abandoned vehicle definition from 7 day to 2 days

Chapter 298: Vehicles, Abandoned

§ 298-1 Definitions.

ABANDONED As used in this chapter, shall mean any motor vehicle which is allowed to stand or if parked on any street, highway, parking lot or other public property of the Borough for a period of **two** ~~seven~~ days, without having been removed during said **two** ~~seven~~ day period.

**Motion was made by Mr. Lacek and seconded by Mrs. Groves.
Motion passed.**

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Motion #1 of 1 – add to abandoned vehicle definition & abandoned motor vehicle trailer

ABANDONED – Shall mean any motor vehicle to also **include abandoned motor vehicle trailer**, which is in the Definitions from another Borough's Chapter (194-2. Definitions. Edgewood, PA)

Chapter 298: Vehicles, Abandoned

§298-1 Definitions.

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE

One that:

- A. Is left upon a public street or highway within the Borough in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking;

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- B. Is in such a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being moved under its own power;
- C. Is missing one or more tires or wheels;
- D. Is in a dismantled or partially dismantled condition;
- E. Does not have a current license plate affixed;
- F. If applicable, does not have a current inspection sticker affixed; or
- G. Is left on private property within the Borough without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof, for longer than two hours.

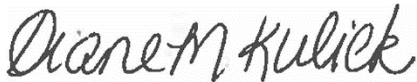
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE TRAILER

One that is designed for attachment to motor vehicles for the purpose of transporting persons or goods:

- A. Is left upon a public street or highway within the Borough in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking;
- B. Is in such a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being moved;
- C. Is missing one or more tires or wheels;
- D. Is in a dismantled or partially dismantled condition;
- E. Does not have a current license plate affixed; or
- F. Is left on private property within the Borough without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof, for longer than two hours.

**Motion was made by Mr. Doupe' and seconded by Ms. Johnson.
Motion passed.**

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jimmy Lacek and seconded by Mrs. Groves. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Recording Secretary
Planning Commission