

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES – MAY 15, 2018**

The meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 15, 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 7:01 PM.

Members Present: Larry Kacyon - Chairman, Mark Christini, Kevin Doupe, Erin Groves, Jim Lacek, Jimmy Lacek & Diane Siegmund

Members Absent: Karen Johnson, Keith Long

Others: Jim Haight - Public Works Code Enforcement Supervisor

Visitors: Mr. Richard Irace and his Spouse

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was held to hear the request of Mr. Richard C. Irace, 306 William Street for a variance of the front yard setback requirement of 75 feet as stated in Section §325-26 A (1) titled Unattached Accessory Structures in Residential Districts.

Mr. Irace's address is in an R-1-One Family Residential District. Mr. Irace would like to construct a two (2) car detached garage. He stated that Mr. Irace's plan does not meet the 75-foot set back from the right of way of William Street. Mr. Haight's recommendation was that the board approves the structure and stated if the garage was attached it would have been allowed and it could be 30 feet back. Mr. Haight asked that the Planning Commission approve the variance request and make the exception down to 60 feet (if needed), as he *does* meet the requirement for the amount of property that can be developed.

The Planning Commission discussed Mr. Irace's zoning application and permit, and Mr. Christini made the motion to recommend to the Zoning Hearing Board that they allow the structure to be built with the set back down to 60 feet. Mr. (Jimmy Lacek) seconded the recommendation and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Haight stated that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on June 7, 2018 at 7 PM, to review Mr. Irace's variance request.

The public meeting ended.

Submitted by:



Diane M. Kulick
Recording Secretary

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Minutes: Motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Ms. Siegmund to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

There was a hand out at this meeting of various zoning ordinances that are in place in other boroughs that contain the subject of boats, recreational vehicles & utility trailers, and abandoned vehicles & trailers.

The board was informed that council agreed with the Planning Commission to not change the fines that are currently in place.

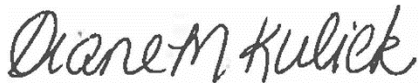
Item B - Chapter 305: Vehicles and Traffic Article VII Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones.

It was decided that we table this until the July 2018 meeting. The board just received the information on other borough ordinances and they need time to review them. There will not be a meeting in June and the board will get together to discuss this chapter on July 17, 2018.

Item C - Chapter 264: Streets and Sidewalks. Article X: Sidewalk Construction. 264-39

This has been tabled for now, however it was stated that the biggest issue with sidewalks is trip hazards. Safety may be the biggest thing to enforce. It was also stated that there are some areas in town that are dark and in need of lighting. The board can only make a recommendation.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jim Lacek and seconded by Mr. (Jimmy) Lacek. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Diane M. Kulick
Recording Secretary
Planning Commission

Note: Next meeting will be July 17, 2018