

PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the Council Room of the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chairman Shane Mize at 7:03 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Shane Mize, Co-Chairman Kevin Doupe, Erin Groves, Diane Siegmund, Roger Hatch, & Scott Hauser

Members Absent: Mark Christini, Brianna Fischetti, William Kovalcin

Citizens to be Heard or Guests: None present.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Erin Groves and seconded by Chairman Mize to approve the Regular meeting minutes for April 16, 2024. Motion passed.

New Business:

The definition of "Guest" was discussed. Mr. Hatch made the motion to send Solicitor Smith's definition to Borough Council. Mr. Mize seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Concerning the "Vacant Store Front" ordinance, Mr. Thrush stated that he does not want to target people. It was discussed how a couple of storefront owners already went the legal way and the magistrate dismissed their cases. This type of thing makes it hard to get everyone to comply. Mr. Thrush has the list of registered storefront owners. It was decided that we need to move forward and the artwork needs to happen. Some ideas were discussed for potential local artists who may want to be part of an arts committee, and Mr. Hatch stated that he would attend the next council meeting to talk to council as a planning committee member and citizen as well, and tell them we would like to move forward with the art for these storefronts. Maybe they could have someone on council (in the absence of a Borough Manager) take these ideas and move forward with this because the planning committee has worked hard with ideas on how to go about making the storefront window art happen.

Old Business:

There was no old business at this time.

FUTURE Business: No Updates at this time.

A. Update Regional Comprehensive Plan – Regional Comprehensive Plan that was last adopted in 2008.

Central Bradford Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary

Central Bradford Region Comprehensive Plan

Central Bradford Region Comprehensive Plan Appendix

B. DCED Grant Approved – Point committee for bundled projects.


1. Tommy Fairchild Memorial Park (formerly Riverfront Park)
2. YMCA (SCI) Complex Master Plan (including the Memorial Park playground).
3. Third Ward Park.
4. The TRAIL project with the possibility of connecting all Towanda Borough Parks and municipal grounds with the trail.

C. Downtown Revitalization.

Adjournment:

Mr. Mize made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 7 PM.



Recording Secretary, Planning Commission