

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2016

Present: C. Dickman, J. Mills, D. Gallo,
Excused: B. Dannaker,
Staff: Vana Dainty
Guests: Alfred Jones, Chairman of Board at Centre Crest;
Robert Jabco, Director of Centre County Planning

A workshop was held prior to calling the meeting to order. We did not have a quorum until later in the meeting.

Call to Order

- Ms. Dainty called the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission meeting to order on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:20 PM.

The current Chair is absent and the Vice Chair resigned so the first order of business is to elect a new Vice Chair.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to nominate Mr. Mills. Ms. Dickman seconded the motion.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to close the nominations. Ms. Dickman seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Mills as the Vice Chair. Mr. Mills then took over the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

- Ms. Dickman made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 23, 2016. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Land Development Activities

- The Planning Commission had a work session about the property owned by Centre Crest behind the building to discuss central rezoning of the Centre Crest property from its current R2 to R4. There was some other discussion about changing the zoning to Village Commercial.

Ms. Dickman made a motion that the area zoned R4 surrounded by Wilson Street, Howard Street, North Monroe Street and Wood Street be considered rezoned as Village and include a section owned by the County that is currently zoned R2; additionally if Village is not accepted they would make a motion that the additional plot owned by the County operated by Centre Crest is zoned from R2 to R4. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to make an addendum to the motion to add nursing homes and convalescent homes to Village zoning. Ms. Dickman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Jones was asked to send a letter stating they support the zoning changes.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Ms. Dainty has been reviewing the ordinance books and one of the things that started all of that is the fact that there are a lot of inconsistencies and things aren't as tight as they could be. She would like to see some of them tightened up and make some of the inconsistencies work out better. She feels we need to begin working on them to get them where they should be moving forward into the next generation. She would like the Planning Commission members to bring their zoning books to the meetings. At the next meeting the P.C. will work on Village and begin looking at the Willowbank area and what might need to be included in Village. Ms. Dickman feels New Construction would be good to look at also with the future development of the Waterfront District. Mr. Jacobs will be invited to a lot of the meetings.

Information Items

- None.

Adjournment

- Having no further business Mr. Gallo made a motion to adjourn the July 25, 2016 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission at 6:15 PM. Ms. Dickman seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.