

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH  
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 7, 2017 – 5 p.m.  
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Mr. Dannaker at the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Dannaker, Chair  
James Mills, Secretary  
Mark Edwards  
Nathaniel Day  
Dallas Gallo

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Shannon Wright

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The September 25, 2017 meeting minutes were presented for approval.

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Planning Commission meeting;**

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion;**

**Motion carried.**

**LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY:**

Subdivision of Lands of Rose Plozner – presenter did not appear for the meeting.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Evaluation of Centre Crest Zoning -**

The rezoning of the Centre Crest parcel was discussed. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ noted that the County wanted to add government offices as a use for this property. The property is currently zoned R-4. Willowbank moving there was suggested due to accessibility. There are also offices in Corning that could be brought back to Bellefonte Borough. All County offices are technically supposed to be located in the county seat.

PC deferred Council recommendation until more information is attained from the County regarding exactly what they would want to do with the building space. The area is zoned R-4 and offices are not a permitted use right now. If a request to have offices at the Centre Crest location is presented, then the R-4 zoning district could be changed to allow for offices. A variance is also a possibility. PC members would rather the County come to them with what their thoughts are for the property instead of expending time and effort on an idea that may not be what the County desires. Stormwater issues at the site were briefly discussed.

### **Monopole Ordinance Need?**

Allowing monopoles in the historical district was discussed briefly. Zoning would limit height of the poles if they were permitted. The monopoles in the rights-of-way legislation was discussed briefly. The poles would benefit consumers as the poles would allow cellular signals to be stronger in areas that it may be weak. The poles would also benefit the cell carrier.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ offered that to have the poles installed just to install them if there is no issue with WIFI or cell interruption does not seem feasible. The monopoles in the historical district would be an eye sore in the historical district. He mentioned the monopoles installed along E. College Avenue down town State College. The sample ordinances were discussed, and PC did not feel the wording applied in Bellefonte Borough.

HARB would have to review any monopole requested to be installed in the historical district. Between PC and the Zoning, PC felt that this issue would be covered.

## **Drone Ordinance Need?**

FAA restrictions and police enforcement were discussed. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ offered that our current Bellefonte ordinances would cover protection against any invasive behavior by a drone operator. The consensus of PC members was that a drone ordinance is not deemed necessary.

## **Solar Ordinance**

The Solar Ordinance was discussed briefly. Ms. Wright indicated that Council approved the ordinance last evening. Impervious coverage was discussed briefly.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **NVJPC Documents for review**

The Bellefonte Borough master plan was discussed. The plan is updated every 10 years.

## **OTHER:**

Ms. Wright mentioned that the scheduled November PC meeting is the Monday after Thanksgiving and the December meeting falls on the Christmas holiday. It was decided that both meetings would be cancelled. A special meeting will be scheduled to review the Plozner plan.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ moved to adjourn the November 6, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting;**

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion;**

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.**

