

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The February 13, 2023 meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Planning Commission was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Dannaker, Chair
Chris Morelli
David Lomison
James Mills, Secretary

STAFF MEMBERS

Gina Thompson, Zoning Administrator

RE-APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Thompson welcomed Chris Morelli, who replaced Dallas Gallo. Also there is the re-appointment of Mark Edwards to the Commission. She informed the Commission that Doug Johnson was the new Council President, Kent Bernier the Vice President, and Barbara Dann was voted to be the Pro Tem.

Mr. Lomison nominated Mr. Dannaker for a reappointment as Chairman. Mills second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lomison nominated Mr. Mills for a reappointment as Secretary. Morelli second. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mills moved to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes. Mr. Lomison seconded. Motion carried.

PLANNING and ZONING ISSUES

Ms. Thompson brought up that there is a possible error in the updated sign ordinance. In section § 575-124. Specific Sign Uses - C. Wall signs, it says that “no wall sign shall exceed six square feet in area or a height of four feet.” The Commission discussed that this didn’t make sense and that it must be a typo and that it should be “no wall sign shall exceed **sixty** square feet in area or a height of four feet” based on other sections in the ordinance which address size of signs. Ms. Thompson will look into what needs to be done to address this typo.

LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Thompson handed out a Planning Commission information and contact list. The Commission reviewed a letter sent by Pennoni Engineering regarding the Parkview Heights Stormwater Management project. Mr. Dannaker pointed out that the wrong address is listed for the Borough on the form. Commission also reviewed the preliminary plans for the new elementary school and discussed what Mr. Stewart had wrote in his memo to Council. It was commented that aligning the streets so there is only one traffic light would be ideal.

OLD BUSINESS

There is currently no update on the Complete Streets Policy. Mr. Morelli asked what that was and Ms. Thompson explained. She expressed interest in revisiting it since there is a lot of discussion about future downtown improvements and infrastructure projects. A Complete Streets Policy will allow the Borough or an economic development entity apply for funding for these projects.

Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance

Council approved a short-term rental ordinance on January 3, 2023. They approved a \$130 application fee (per unit) on 2/6/2023. Applicants have 30 days to submit their STR application to the borough. Ms. Thompson will work with applicants on answering questions and if extensions are needed. Ms. Thompson will be keeping track of work time spent on any short-term rental matters.

ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Mills moved to adjourn. Mr. Morelli seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.*