

#### **BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES**

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#### COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

Salvatore Amato Sherwin Collins Anji Fazio Alexander Groce Wendy McClure Sally Neiderhiser Eion O'Neill Mark Tarlecki Sarah Whelan Neil McDevitt, Mayor

Call to Order, Date and Time Roll Call Pledge of Allegiance

Procla	amation: Mayor McDevitt - Autism Acceptance Month
Public	e Comment
Public	e Service Announcement: NPVFC - Cooking Safety
Consid	deration: Disposal of Records in Accordance to Records Retention Policy
Consid	deration: Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2022
Old B	usiness / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications
Solicit	tor / Mayor / Council / Chief / Public Works / Manager

Adjournment

\*All interested parties may participate on the date and time noted above and when called upon by the Council President. The public may also submit questions or comments prior to the meeting by e-mail to <a href="mailto:info@northwalesborough.org">info@northwalesborough.org</a>; these must be received no later than 12 Noon on April 12, 2022. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact North Wales Borough at 215-699-4424 or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:info@northwalesborough.org">info@northwalesborough.org</a>.

#### **Mayor's Office Hours:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

#### **Monthly Meetings Information:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month HARB 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month **Historic Commission** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month **Human Relations Commission** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month – 7:30 P.M. **Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month Park & Recreation Board 1st Wednesday of Month **Planning Commission** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month **Shade Tree Commission** 1st Tuesday of Month, as needed **Zoning Hearing Board** 

North Wales Water Authority 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month

5:00 P.M., 200 W. Walnut Street

<sup>\*</sup>All above meetings begin at 7 P.M. at Borough Hall, unless noted otherwise.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note: The meeting is being digitally recorded.



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Autism is a developmental disability that affects how people experience the world around them;

**WHEREAS,** People with Autism are estimated to be about 2% of adults in America and it affects 1 in 54 children;

WHEREAS, Autism exists across all communities and all types of people in America;

**WHEREAS,** Autism can affect individuals in very different ways with very different impacts on their daily lives;

**WHEREAS,** in 1970, the Autism Society marked the first-ever National Autism Awareness Month;

**WHEREAS,** Autistic advocates have pressed for greater autonomy and recognition of their human rights to self-determination and independence;

**WHEREAS,** in 2011, the Autistic Self Advocacy Network advocated for April to become Autism Acceptance Month with the goal of ensuring that people with Autism enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities;

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved, that I, Neil McDevitt, Mayor of the Borough of North Wales, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the Month of April 2022, as:

**Autism Acceptance Month** 

Nei McDevitt, Mayor North Wales Borough

#### **North Penn Volunteer Fire Company**

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#### **COOKING SAFETY - APRIL 12, 2022**

You may not be as inquisitive and nerdy about fire safety as we are. If you aren't, you may be surprised to learn that cooking fires account for 49 percent of home fires. Nearly three out of every five home cooking fires originate on the range or cook top. Sadly, these fires resulted in 20 percent of home fire deaths and 42 percent of home fire injuries.

And can you guess why most of these home fires occur? If you said by unattended cooking, BINGO!

I'm happy that we have the chance to discuss this issue before one of these tragedies comes to our community. Together, we can reduce the number of cooking fires.

Here are some cooking safety tips we'd like to share:

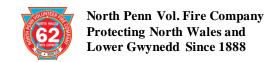
- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling, check it regularly, remain in the home, and use a timer.
- Keep anything that can catch fire pot holders, towels, oven mitts, at least three feet away from a heat source.
- Wear short, close-fitting clothes while cooking.
- Keep kids at least three feet away from the area where hot food is being prepared.
- Turn pot handles away from stove edges and use back burners to keep hot things further away from becoming a tip/spill hazard.
- Have an oven mitt and properly sized lid nearby so you can smother a small grease fire. If you
  use water or spray a fire extinguisher onto a pan, it can spread burning grease and the fire
  around your kitchen.
- If there is a fire in the oven or microwave, keep the door closed.
- Keep the lid on or door closed, turn off the heat source, if possible, get out and call 911.

We'd like everyone to have a safe Spring holiday season. Our members would love to be in your kitchen, but only if you've invited us for dinner!

Remember to test smoke detectors monthly and replace them at least every ten years from the date of manufacture. If you need any assistance with smoke detectors or fire safety information, please contact our department at station 62@northpennfire.com.

Chief Matthew J Traynor North Penn Vol. Fire Co.

141 South Main Street North Wales, PA 19454



# **Cooking**Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

#### "COOK WITH CAUTION"

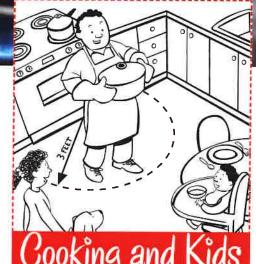
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

# If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

## If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

#### **FACTS**

- 1 The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.





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#### NORTH WALES BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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April 6, 2022

Below please find the list of records that the Police Department would like to dispose of in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual, last amended March 28, 2019.

Thank you,

Tara Claffey Administrative Assistant to Chief Erenius NWPD

#### Records to be disposed of:

- 2018-2019 Abandoned vehicle records
- 2018 Vehicle Lockout forms
- 2019 UCR reports
- 2015-2016 Speedometer and Stopwatch Accuracy Certificates
- 2019-2020 Parking Permit Applications
- 2020 Parking tickets
- 2000-2001 Case files
- 2000-2001 Juvenile Case Files
- 2000-2001 Juvenile Reports
- 2018 Court Receipts
- 2018 Gas Log
- 2018 Citations (Traffic and Non-Traffic)
- 2018 Daily Activity Log

#### 2022 Admin Records to be Disposed of:

- 1. Contracts and Agreements (AL-8), 1988-2014 PennDot Snow and Ice Agreements.
- 2. Right-to-Know Requests (AL-46), 2018.
- 3. Annual Budgets and Related Records (FN-5), 2005.
- 4. Certificate of Deposit Investment of funds showing amount of certificate, term and rate of interest (FN-17), 2011-2013.
- 5. Purchase Order Files (FN-18), 1990-2010 Gasoline Logs for Public Works.
- 6. Timecards (PL-14), 2017-2018.
- 7. Applications for Employment (Not Hired) (PS-2), 1999-2014, 2019.
- 8. Worker's Compensation Records (PS-14), 1988-2012.
- 9. Road Opening Permits (PW-15), 2015.
- 10. Certifications for Taxes Paid on Real Estate (TA-2), 2013-2015.

BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES 300 SCHOOL STREET NORTH WALES, PENNSYLVANIA

MEETING: March 22, 2022, 7:00 P.M., EST

CALL TO ORDER made by President Amato.

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Amato Present

Sherwin Collins Absent Anii Fazio Present Present Alexander Groce Wendy McClure Present Sally Neiderhiser Present Eion O'Neill Present Mark Tarlecki Present Present Sarah Whelan Mayor Neil McDevitt Present

Also, in attendance were Gregory Gifford, Borough Solicitor, David Erenius, Chief of Police, and Brian Sleicher, Public Works Supervisor.

President Amato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Amato asked for a moment of silence for Pennsylvania State Troopers Martin F. Mack III, and Branden T. Sisca, as well as a civilian pedestrian that were struck and killed in a tragic accident that occurred on Monday, March 21 along Interstate 95.

#### **Public Comment**

Gregory D'Angelo, 915 East Montgomery Avenue, announced that he attended a retirement ceremony for Chris and Tobi Park at North Penn Volunteer Fire Company Social Club on Sunday, March 20 and said it was a wonderful ceremony paying tribute to Chris for 45 years of service with the fire company.

#### **Consideration: Appointment of Borough Engineer**

Andrew Berenson, 439 Washington Avenue, asked why the Borough was switching engineers and if McMahon's rates were similar to other firms. Manager Hart explained the Borough has been very satisfied with McMahon's work thus far and Council has decided to appoint McMahon to fulfill all of the Borough's engineering needs. She then stated that their rates are average compared to other firms.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to appoint McMahon Associates, Inc. as Borough Engineer. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

#### Consideration: Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission Appointment, Term Ending 12/31/2023

Member Fazio made a motion to appoint Wendy McClure to the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission, term ending 12/31/2023. Member Whelan seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

Member McClure thanked Council for her appointment and said she was enthusiastic to serve on the Commission.

#### Consideration: Approval of Minutes: March 8, 2022

Member McClure made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022. Member Neiderhiser seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

#### Consideration: Approval of Disbursements: \$47,594.59

Member McClure made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$47,594.59. Member Groce seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no.

#### **Old Business / Committee & Board Reports / Zoning Applications**

The Technology Committee announced it would be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at Borough Hall at 7 P.M.

Manager Hart reviewed draft minutes provided by the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Board for their meetings that occurred on March 2 and March 10, respectively. She then announced that there are no pending Zoning Hearing Board applications.

#### Solicitor / Mayor / Council / Chief / Public Works / Manager

Solicitor Gifford announced an executive session was held after the previous meeting to discuss the Borough's engineer and it was voted on this evening.

Mayor McDevitt also made mention of the State Troopers that were killed in the accident and asked the community to keep them in our thoughts. He then said he is reviewing speeding complaints with the Police Department, and they are establishing a traffic counter to conduct traffic studies. He also informed the public that he and Chief Erenius are working on policy updates. Lastly, he said he enjoyed the Chris and Tobi Park Ceremony and added he issued a Proclamation that recognized March 20, 2022, as Chris and Tobi Park Day.

Member O'Neill thanked Chris and Tobi Park for their service. He then checked with Manager Hart on the status of the Borough Twitter account. Manager Hart explained that the Borough is not using the account and currently only uses Facebook.

Member McClure announced she attended the Coffee House Concert at the North Wales Arts and Cultural Center on Sunday, March 20, hosted by St. Luke's Church and added she looks forward to future events there. She then announced that the North Wales Area Library is holding a hoagie sale fundraiser through Wednesday, March 30 and encouraged people to partake.

Vice President Tarlecki congratulated Public Works and the Borough Administration for their efforts with snow and ice removal and asked Manager Hart what the Borough's salt usage was.

Manager Hart explained the Borough used a less than average amount of salt and the Public Works Department did not come close to exceeding its overtime budget.

President Amato thanked the firefighters and police for their service to our community and also congratulated Chris and Tobi Park on their new endeavors.

Manager Hart made the following announcements: Human Library event on Saturday, April 9, Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, Earth Day Extravaganza on Saturday, April 23, Wissahickon Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 30, the North Penn Chamber of Commerce schedule of March and April events, the current list of Borough Boards and Commissions vacancies and announced that the Borough provided a service plaque to Chris and Tobi Park.

Member Neiderhiser made a motion to adjourn. Member McClure seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Attest:		
	Christine A. Hart Borough Manager	

# Public Safety Joint Meeting Monday March 7, 2022 North Wales Borough Public Safety Committee North Penn Volunteer Fire Company Members

**NW Public Safety Committee** 

Wendy McClure, Pres. Pro Tem

David Erenius, Chief of Police

Sal Amato, Council President

Mark Tarlecki, Council VP

Attendance:

#### **NPVFC:**

Chief Mat Traynor
Deputy Chief Don Holt
Matt Daywalt, Fire Prevention Officer
Frank Baxter, President - Absent

Mayor Neil McDevitt

Bill Kaelin: Emergency Management Coordinator

Brian Sleicher: Public Works Supervisor

#### **MINUTES:**

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm March 7, 2022, at the NPVFC. It is our intention to meet for 1 hr. We did recognize that there might be a need from time to time to extend our meeting. We would then congregate on a different night as the Fire Department members hold a training meeting at 7pm. Until such time, the first Monday of each month at 6pm at NPVFC will be a standing meeting.

Statement: Matt Daywalt and Wendy McClure agreed to write a clear objective of our committee.

Reviewed start of Main Street Road repair. Brian provided an update. (repair is now complete)

Borough Disaster Plan will be presented to Council by Bill Kaelin in the near future.

Discussed Chemical storage in the Borough. Trains and Trucks

All FD members are trained in Haz Mat. Details of the cargo are located on the first train car and the last.

An update to Borough Code was suggested that would require all businesses to have a Knox Box installed in front of their building with information for Fire Company responders.

An update to Borough Code was requested suggested to make residential smoke detectors mandatory.

Matt Daywalt explained that fires have changed over the years as construction has changed. An escape plan is a must. Time is of the essence to escape.

It is recommended that all smoke alarms be interconnected with battery backup. Smoke alarms have a typical life expectance of 10 years.

Order in bulk for Fire Ladders. Find possible grant.

Concerns expressed about multi-occupied buildings.

Chief Erenius discussed adding information into the Smart 911 phone system.

Adjourned 7:05pm

Next Meeting: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Agenda items: Tractor Trailer Inventory

Escape Ladder Vendor

Please send to Wendy any additional agenda items.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy McClure Mat Traynor

#### March 2022

#### HARB report to North Wales Borough Council – 2021

#### (1) Any recommendations for changes in this article?

No.

#### (2) The number and types of cases reviewed.

#### 0121-01 - 123 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Demolition of dilapidated storage building – Approved via Zoom.

#### 0121-02 - 129 Shearer St.

Replace windows, porch flooring and concrete steps – Approved via zoom with qualifications.

#### 0220-01r - NP Fire Company

Revise building addition to the firehouse – Approved.

#### 0221-01 - 301 West Walnut St.

Construct rear deck visible from the street – Approved via Zoom with qualifications.

#### 0421-01 - 223 S. Main St.

Remove existing aluminum capping and replace wood crown molding – Approved with qualifications.

#### 0621-01 - 213 Church St.

New residential construction – Approved with qualifications.

#### 0621-02 - 214 School St.

Emergency replacement of an asphalt roof with asphalt. Approved via email conferencing.

#### 0721-01- 118 School St.

Asphalt shing roof replacement with asphalt shingles and new gutters. Approved with qualifications (the street facing gutters should be half round). The qualifier was subsequently overturned by Council.

#### 0821-01 - 203 Shearer St.

Emergency asphalt roof replacement with asphalt roof – Approved via email conferencing.

#### 0921-01 - 112 South Main St.

Mansard roof replacement – Approved.

#### 10-21-01- 421 South Main St.

Asphalt roof shingles to replace an existing asphalt roof – Approved via email conferencing.

#### 1021-02 - 308 South Main St.

Replace asphalt roof, removeable interior window grilles, and install porch railing with sawn balusters – Approved with qualifications.

#### 1021-03 - 104 South Main St.

Replace Mansard roofing and cornice woodwork including the soffit, crown moldings and corbels – Approved through email conferencing with qualifications.

#### 1121-01 - 112 South Main St.

Install new business signage – Approved.

#### 1121-02 – 416-418 East Montgomery Ave.

Replace original front doors – Approved with qualifications.

#### 1221-01 - 307 School St.

Asphalt roof replacement – Approved.

#### 1221-02 - 402 School St.

Replace existing windows – Approved.

#### 1221-03 - 202 West Walnut St.

Replace existing asphalt roof- No action taken. Project was completed before HARB notification.

#### (3) The number of cases for which a COA was either approved or denied.

18 cases, 17 approvals with or w/o qualifications, and 1 no action.

#### (4) Number of HARB meetings which each member attended.

9 Meetings total for 2021 (includes Zoom, and email conferences)

Charlie Guttenplan – 8 Jim Schiele – 9 Joe DelCiotto - 6 Ray Tschoepe – 8

#### (5) Historic Preservation related training which each member attended.

**Charlie Guttenplan** – staff member of the Plymouth Meeting Historic District HARB. Full day educational program and discussion on the fate of Mathers Mill in Whitemarsh.

#### **Ray Tschoepe** – PHMC sponsored webinars:

Alternative Materials: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, Do you have a permit for that? Enforcement and Violations, How to date and appreciate mid-century buildings.

#### James Schiele - PHMC sponsored webinars:

Alternative Materials: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, Do you have a permit for that? Enforcement and Violations, How to date and appreciate mid-century buildings, Translating Your Skills: Time Talent and Treasure, Finding Funds for your Preservation Programs: A primer on Grant writing and application, Disaster Planning and Recovery for Historic Communities: An overview.

Joe DelCiotto AIA - None.

# (6) A narrative summary describing the state of preservation in the North Wales Borough Historic Preservation District with recommendations in policy, goals and objectives for North Wales Borough Council consideration.

The state of Historic Preservation in the Borough district is, at this point, somewhat improved from the last report. As mentioned earlier, there has been a considerable amount of turnover of Borough residents and it would helpful to have some means of notifying new residents in the Historic District that there are benefits and responsibilities that accompany ownership of a contributing building in the district. This applies not only to homeowners but also in many ways more so to absentee landlords and those engaged in house "flipping." I believe that the design guidelines that we generated many years ago are still applicable and should be made available.

In the day-to-day execution of the work approved (or not) by HARB and officially by Council, it is always appreciated when the building inspector can follow-up on a HARB recommendation so that "last minute" changes do not become a permanent part of the building. One suggestion is that perhaps the building inspector could indicate through a simple memo to HARB any questions or recommendations that he/she might see from their perspective before the work is approved. There aren't an overwhelming number of cases each month and a simple follow-up would go a long way toward adding value to the time spent by volunteers in investigating, considering and acting upon building applications.

Further, it is becoming less common, but we are still asked to review work that has already been completed. In most cases, this is a simple act of ignorance of the district guidelines, but in others it is a case of willful disregard by displaying an "easier to ask forgiveness than obtain permission" mentality. In these cases, as per the PHMC regulations, the Borough should issue a letter outlining what they should have done and warning that a second offense would necessitate a fine. The contractor, if one is involved, should also be notified and informed of the historic district and his/her responsibilities in obtaining Council approval for work in "the district."

Finally, the HARB has been at least 2 people short of a full board for at least a year. There is a need for additional citizen representation and a real estate broker. If two of the four remaining members has a scheduling conflict then we do not have a quorum.

One other thought that we have shared is that in the past it was quite helpful when Borough staff were able to attend HARB meetings. They have information about schedules, personnel or board meetings and procedures that we are not qualified to answer when questions arise.

#### **North Wales Borough Planning Commission**

#### **April 06, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting of April 06, 2022 was conducted in person at North Wales Borough Hall.

The meeting information was advertised in The Reporter on December 21, 2021, as part of the meeting schedule for 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Greg D'Angelo at 7:03 P.M. The following members were present: Lillian Higgins. Jocelyn Tenney and Mark Tarlecki.

Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Alan Guzzardo was not present.

Tim Konetchy, Montgomery County Planning Commission Planner participated in the meeting.

Member Mark Tarlecki led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Public Comment

There was no public in attendance and no questions or comments received from the public prior to the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of the Planning Commission's Annual Report for 2021.

Member Greg D'Angelo requested that the reference to the July, 2021 meeting be removed since it was referenced earlier in the Report on page 1 that no meeting was held that month. Member Mark Tarlecki made the motion and Member Lillian Higgins seconded it. The vote was 4-0-0 to accept the Annual Report with the update.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes for March 02, 2022.

Member Mark Tarlecki made the motion to accept the minutes of March 02, 2022. The motion was seconded by Member Lillian Higgins. The vote was 4-0-0 to accept.

#### 4. Discussion: New R-3 Zoning Regulations

Tim Konetchy led the discussion regarding the new R-3 Zoning District Regulations. He provided photo examples of the type of buildings that would be included in the R-3 District.

#### 5. Suggested Schedule for Remaining Meetings in 2022

Tim suggested the following schedule for 2022.

May – Residential Office

June – Core Business District

July / August – Limited Industrial and Transit Oriented District (TOD)

#### **North Wales Borough Planning Commission**

#### **April 06, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

September – Review off-street parking and loading

October – Telecommunications

November – To Be Determined

December – Internal Review of Full Draft

#### 6. Suggestion from North Penn Volunteer Fire Company

Member Mark Tarlecki noted that as Vice President of North Wales Borough Council, he is a member of the Borough Public Safety Committee. During a meeting the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company had requested that a 'Knox Box' be required on all new commercial businesses in North Wales. The police or fire company would have the code to enter the building during an emergency.

7. Rebecca Swanson, Executive Director, Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority to Attend the May, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

#### 8. <u>Adjournment:</u>

Member D'Angelo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Member Higgins seconded the motion. All members present voted to adjourn 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary

DATE: April 06, 2022

TO: North Wales Borough Council

FROM: Greta Martin Washington, Chair – North Wales Borough Planning Commission

RE: North Wales Borough Planning Commission - 2021 Annual Report of Activities

This memorandum will serve as the North Wales Borough Planning Commission 2021 Annual Report of Activities.

The members of the Commission were: Greta Martin Washington, Gregory J. D'Angelo, Lillian Higgins, Mark Tarlecki and Jocelyn Tenney (appointed March 23, 2021)

Nine official meetings were held during 2021: January 06, April 07, May 05, June 02, August 04, September 01, October 06, November 03 and December 01, 2021. There were no meetings in February, March and July since there were no agenda items. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and health restrictions, the meetings from January, April, May and June 2021 were conducted virtually by the use of telecommunications devices via a Zoom conference accessed by either telephone using the dial in number or entering the URL on an internet browser, both of which were provided on the North Wales Borough website <a href="https://www.northwalesborough.org">www.northwalesborough.org</a> at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The meetings in August, September, October, November and December 2021 were conducted in person at the North Wales Borough Hall.

#### January 06, 2021

- Ms. Dobbs announced that she was leaving the Montgomery County Planning Commission for a new position with Westtown Township. She thanked the Commission for all their services and stated she enjoyed working with the Borough during her time with the County. She added that a new community planner would be assigned to the Borough and they will be taking over all the ongoing work items.
- Ms. Dobbs reviewed the list of items. Chair Martin Washington suggested that
  the Borough hire Ms. Dobbs as a private consultant to manage an upcoming
  hearing for the TOD Ordinance update to be decided. Assistant Manager
  Guzzardo stated he would share it with Borough Council for their consideration at
  a later date

#### April 07, 2021

 Mr. Guzzardo noted that the suggested Transit Oriented District (TOD) ordinance has been forwarded to the Borough solicitor.

- The new planner assigned to North Wales by the Montgomery County Planning Commission will receive December, 2020, TOD notes. Alan will update the 2020 report.
- Alan noted that the Borough website showed a map of all the paving for this
  week. The ADA ramps have been completed. Center Street project is engineered
  now. The Gateway project is expected in the summer of 2022.
- Alan indicated that there is a master plan for paving streets.

#### May 5, 2021

- Mr. Tim Konetchy was introduced as North Wales's new planner from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Tim worked as a planner in New York State near Lake Ontario prior to coming to the Montgomery County Planning Commission. He has experience in ordinances, zoning and grant work.
- The walkability study is still being worked on. Mr. Konetchy will review the Gateway Project and add it to the data. Sidewalk replacement costs may be reduced for the property owner if North Wales Borough can obtain a grant to cover some of the cost.

#### June 2, 2021

• Mr. Konetchy presented an overview of the study's progress, methodology and initial findings for North Wales Borough main intersections. The street intersection review has been completed and the sidewalk review is about half completed. The signals at Main St. and Walnut St. are in disrepair and not up to standards. They need to be upgraded to current standards. Mr. Konetchy suggested he would make a 'story map' and explanation of the streets program for the public with or without a comment section. This format would provide a tool to apply for grants to complete the work.

#### August 4, 2021

 Tim Konetchy reviewed the study's progress. The Commissioners received copies of Chapters 1-3: Introduction to the Walkability Report; Methodology; and Existing Conditions. In addition, a color-coded Borough Street map indicated current sidewalk conditions or absence of sidewalk. Greta Martin Washington suggested that a local trail be included on a map. The Borough is applying for an additional grant to cover the flashing pedestrian crossing at West Walnut and Center St.

#### **September 01, 2021**

• The Commissioners received copies of the full draft Walkability Report: Methodology; Existing Conditions, Suggested Improvements and Possible Grant Sources for implementation of the study.

#### October 06, 2021

• The Planning Commission voted to approve the Walkability Study report for presentation to the North Wales Borough Council for their October 12, 2021 meeting. Tim Konetchy reviewed a Montgomery County initiative called Montco Pikes – A Vision Plan for Six County Corridors. The improvement plan includes Sumneytown Pike from Bethlehem Pike to Royal in Lower Gwynedd and Upper Gwynedd Townships. The second section is from Broad St. to Forty Foot Rd. in Upper Gwynedd and Towamencin Townships. The North Wales Borough section of Sumneytown Pike was not included since it is not owned by Montgomery County. The Commission discussed the possibility of mirroring some ideas from the County like bike lanes on Main St. and on Walnut St. in North Wales. Upper Gwynedd is involving North Wales with their plans.

#### **November 03, 2021**

Commission reviewed other priority projects following the Walkability Study. Several possibilities were discussed, including a timeline for Zoning Code Update, Model Zoning Ordinances and form-based zoning. The Commission discussed a study of the permit parking zone, which had been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This would be part of a study of future parking needs in North Wales Borough.

#### **December 01, 2021**

a. Zoning Hearing Board Application #21-04.

Mary O'Hanlon, 348 West Montgomery Avenue, appeared before the Commission for her husband Michael O'Hanlon and herself to request a Variance (Section 208-147) and Special Exception (208-36. D (3)) in order to convert a detached garage into an in-law suite.

The Planning Commission recommended the Zoning Hearing Board approve Application #21-04. Gregory D'Angelo seconded the motion. The Application will go before the North Wales Zoning Hearing Board on January 04, 2022.

- b. Tim Konetchy reviewed the North Wales Borough current zoning map and one that would incorporate suggested future changes. In addition, he provided the list of current zoning descriptions along with possible consolidation and changes for consideration.
- c. The amended Transit Overlay District (TOD) was approved by North Wales Borough Council at the public meeting on November 23, 2021.

In 2022, Planning Commission meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM, with a workshop meeting from 6-7 PM before the regularly scheduled meeting to work on the 2021/2022 Planning Commission work items.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of North Wales will hold a public hearing on May 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The hearing will be held at the Borough Building, located at 300 School Street, North Wales, PA 19454 to consider the following application:

Z-22-03 –Rudolph Holdings, LLC– The property is located at 426 E. Montgomery Ave., North Wales, PA in the RM Residential Multifamily District. The parcel ID# of the property is 14-00-01700-00-5. The Applicant is proposing to subdivide the property into 2 lots. Proposed Lot 1 will consist of the existing multifamily residential dwelling with 3 units and proposed Lot 2 will consist of the existing 2-family semi-detached dwelling with 2 units. The Applicant is requesting variance relief from: Section 208-49.B, Lot area, for proposed Lot 2 to consist of 3,637 s.f rather than the required 7,000 s.f..; Section 208-50, Impervious surfaces, to permit building coverage of 38.7% for proposed Lot 2 whereas 35% is permitted; and Section 208-61.A, Lot area, for proposed Lot 1 to exceed the permitted dwelling units per acre.

All interested parties may attend this hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact North Wales Borough at 215-699-4424.

Bernadette A. Kearney Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

# A Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event!

## NORTH WALES BOROUGH



# **BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY**

# **SAT, APRIL 23 – 9 AM to 1 PM**

#### **LOCATION: BOROUGH HALL, 300 SCHOOL ST**

Paper Shredding
Old Shoes, Boots, Sneakers
Torn or Tattered US Flags
Scrap Metal

Used Eyeglasses
Used Clothing and Textiles
Household Batteries
Books, CD's and DVD's

Items containing refrigerant; air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, etc.

E-Recycling | Limit (1) TV per household – No Console TV's

(Visit www.northwalesborough.org for a complete list)

#### **LOCATION: POINT SERVICE CENTER, 346 W WALNUT ST**

Auto Parts, Wheels Car Batteries New/Used Oil, Coolant, Chemicals
Used Tires – Limit (2) per resident only

### Thank you to our Earth Day Sponsors:















NOTE: This event is an outdoor event, it will be held rain or shine!

#### **Earth Day List of Electronic Items Being Accepted**

- TVs, computer flatscreen monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, circuit boards, calculators, phones, answering machines, digital/video cameras, radios, VCRs, DVD players, MP3 and CD players
- Kitchen equipment (toasters, coffee makers, microwave ovens)
- Older Computer monitors, television tubes (CRTs)

# WISSAHICKON TRAILS IS COORDINATING THE 52ND ANNUAL WISSAHICKON CREEK CLEAN UP EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 HELP CLEAN UP THE WISSAHICKON CREEK WATERSHED!!

Help your environment while getting some exercise & fresh air!

To learn more and register for this event, go to:

wissahickontrails.org/events/creek-clean-up



# NORTH WALES BOROUGH

Parks & Recreation Presents...

# Summer Kick-Off & Food Truck Festival!

Saturday, June 4" (5:00pm to 9:00pm)
Weingartner Park
254 Summit Street

Let the Summer Begin! Bring your Family and Friends for an Evening of Food, Music and Fun, it's sure to be a **BLAST**!

Live Music 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm



#### Food!

Kona Ice (7-9pm, courtesy of Top Peak Roofing)

- Boy Scout Troop #84
- ABC Bakery
- Empanadas Lab
- Hosers Central Kitchen
- Bruno's Authentic
- Love Food Truck
- G'Ma's Lemonade
- Maria's Baby Cakes
- Baby Blues BBQ
- Downtown Scoop

#### **Drinks!**

- McAllister's Brewery
- Ten7 Brewery
- Stone & Key

Let's Celebrate the Summer with our Neighbors! Bring your own Lawn Chair & Blanket

Let's have some Fun!

## **Boards & Commissions Vacancies**

- <u>Civil Service Commission</u> Term Expires: 12/31/2025
- Historical Architectural Review Board Term Expires: 12/31/2023
- Historical Architectural Review Board Term Expires: 12/31/2023
   \*Must be a licensed real estate broker.
- Human Relations Commission Term Expires: 12/31/2024
- <u>Shade Tree Commission</u> Term Expires: 12/31/2026
- <u>Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals</u> Term Expires: 12/31/2026

Please submit a letter of interest for any one or more of the above listed openings, addressed to the North Wales Borough Council in care of the Borough Manager. Letters can be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:chart@northwalesborough.org">chart@northwalesborough.org</a>.