

North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting

August 04, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting of August 04, 2021 was conducted in person at the North Wales Borough Hall.

The meeting information was advertised in The Reporter on December 11, 2020 for the year of 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greta Martin Washington at 7:05 P.M. The Secretary, Mrs. Tenney called the roll. All members were present: Greta Martin Washington, Greg D'Angelo, Lillian Higgins, Mark Tarlecki and Jocelyn Tenney. In addition, Tim Konetchy, Montgomery County Planning Commission Planner and Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Alan Guzzardo also participated in the meeting.

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

1. Public Comment

Mr. Guzzardo stated that no questions or comments were received from the public prior to tonight's meeting.

2. Consideration: Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2021

Greg D'Angelo made the motion to approve the Commission's minutes of June 2, 2021. Lillian Higgins seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement 5:0.

3. Discussion: North Wales Borough Walkability Study Update

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. Tim noted that by the Commission's next meeting eighty percent of the report will be complete.

Chapter 1. Introduction: Tim noted that a page could be added to this chapter to include some previous public comments. Greta suggested that all Comprehensive Plan 2040 public comments be included that are specific to the walkability section.

Chapter III. Existing Conditions: West Walnut St. at Center St. will have a flashing pedestrian crossing sign. The Borough is applying for additional grant money to cover a short fall in the original estimate. Construction is expected April – June 2022. It will consist of two poles with flashing lights when the pedestrian pushes the button. High priority routes regarding streets with no sidewalks, i.e. 9th St. should be given consideration. Sidewalks with tripping hazards were discussed. It was noted that the Borough does have this hazard in the property maintenance code.

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Greta Martin Washington suggested that how to get to a local trail be included on a map. She noted that a family could ride the bike path along the 202 Parkway to Doylestown but riding along Sumneytown Pike to reach it is dangerous. The inclusion of possible North Wales' street connections to reach it would be helpful as well as to other local trails like the Liberty Trail.

The time frame to present the updated Transit Oriented District (TOD) to North Wales Borough Council was discussed but no firm date was established.

4. New Business:

Greta Martin Washington suggested that setbacks be reviewed in regard to new houses being inserted on a block. Currently the newer homes are set quite a bit back from the original and/or older homes.

Greta Martin Washington asked about the vacant lot belonging to the owner of 215 Church St. and its overgrown condition. The Borough will resolve the situation.

5. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. by Mr. Tarlecki and seconded by Mrs. Tenney. All members present voted in agreement 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary