

North Wales Borough Planning Commission

October 05, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting of October 05, 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 Chair Greta Martin Washington at 7:04 P.M. The following members were present: Greta Martin Washington, Mark Tarlecki, Lillian Higgins and Jocelyn Tenney. Member Greg D'Angelo was absent, having notified Alan Guzzardo he would be delayed. Member D'Angelo arrived at 8:00 P.M.

Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Alan Guzzardo was in attendance.

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 general public in attendance and no questions or comments were received from the public prior to the meeting.

2. Consideration: Approval of Minutes for September 07, 2022

Member Tarlecki made the motion to approve the minutes of September 07, 2022 and Member Higgins seconded the motion. All members voted to approve.

3. Discussion: Grant Application for 9th Street Park

Assistant Manager Guzzardo announced that North Wales Borough is applying for a PA State Grant for improvements in the 9th Street Park. This would include among other improvements a pervious path through the park, a planted meadow and signage indicating it is a park. The grant is for small municipalities with a 20% match. The grant recipients will be announced the first week in January 2023.

4. Discussion: INO Institutional Overlay District

The INO Institutional Overlay District was reviewed. Tim Konetchy presented updates following the September 07, 2022 discussion. The updates included establishment of an overlay district, permitted uses, dimensional standards and conditional use requirements.

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5. Discussion: Sign Ordinance Update

Member Higgins asked about the time frame for the sign ordinance review. Tim Konetchy replied that it is on his agenda. Member Tenney noted the review would also include discussion and coordination with the North Wales Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).

6. Discussion: Parking and Loading Regulations

Tim Konetchy presented suggested standards for parking areas, Subsection E, Driveways and vehicular access. These included design for a ribbon driveway and specifications for pervious paving. A turn-around area in the parking area would be required.

7. Discussion: Montgomery County 2021 Construction Reports and 2022 Inventory Reports.

Tim Konetchy presented inventory maps of Montgomery County that indicated the number of multi-family and attached housing locations as well as business park Inventory and age restricted housing inventory. Tim also provided a sampling of maps and data, some dating back to the 1960's, that is available on Montgomery County's website.

8. Discussion: Electric Car Charging Stations Research

Alan Guzzardo and Tim Konetchy are researching electric car charging stations that might be possible in North Wales Borough. The question was raised by council member Eion O'Neil at the September council meeting.

9. Adjournment

Member Tarlecki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Member Higgins seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary