North Wales Borough Planning Commission

September 07, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting of September 07, 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 7:07 P.M. The following members were present: Greta Martin Washington, Greg D'Angelo, Mark Tarlecki, and Jocelyn Tenney. Member Lillian Higgins was absent.

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 August 03, 2022

Mark Tarlecki made the motion to approve the minutes of August 03, 2022 and Greg D'Angelo seconded the motion. All members voted to approve.

3. Discussion: Stormwater Updates

Assistant Manager Guzzardo provided the Commission members with a copy of the 2022 Stormwater Management Ordinance Updates. The Montgomery County Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended some minor changes, per their review letter, dated September 1, 2022. The updates are to be included in the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance. Scott Russell, McMahon Associates, will be at the public hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7pm during the regularly scheduled Council meeting to answer any questions when the ordinance updates are considered for passage.

Member Tarlecki made the motion to recommend the revisions and the Montgomery County Planning Commission's recommendations to North Wales Borough Council. Member D'Angelo seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement. Assistant Manager Guzzardo commented that the Borough engineering firm McMann had reviewed the updates and will provide comments also.

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4. Discussion: INO Institutional Overlay District

The INO Institutional Overlay District was reviewed. Discussion involved possible updates to the District's dimensional standards and permitted uses. The intent is to maintain the architectural prominence of the buildings and at the same time accommodate community service and institutional uses.

5. Discussion: Parking and Loading Regulations

Parking and loading improvements would be a stand-alone section and would be updated across the board. The Transit Oriented Development District's parking will also be included in this section. The discussion included bicycle parking and materials for driveways other than cement and asphalt. SALDO should be reviewed in regard to parking lot plantings. Future discussion could also involve lowering requirements for businesses and non-resident parking.

4. Adjournment

Member Tarlecki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Member Greg D'Angelo seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement.

Respectfully submitted, Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary