

# North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting

## April 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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At the start of the meeting, Chair Greta Martin Washington announced that the North Wales Planning Commission meeting was being conducted virtually by the use of telecommunications devices via a Zoom Conference accessed by either telephone using the dial-in number or enter URL on an internet browser, both of which were provided on the North Wales Borough website [www.northwalesborough.org](http://www.northwalesborough.org) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The meeting information was advertised in The Reporter on December 11, 2020.

Commission members present were Greta Martin Washington, Lillian Higgins, Gregory D'Angelo, Mark Tarlecki and Jocelyn Tenney. Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Alan Guzzardo also participated in the virtual meeting.

No public participated through the Zoom Conference link.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greta Martin Washington at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Tarlecki and Mrs. Higgins arrived at 7:02 P.M. and 7:08 P.M. respectively.

1. Public Comment

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

2. Borough Emails Not Arriving to All Members

Mrs. Martin Washington noted that emails from Mr. Guzzardo and North Wales Borough continue to go into her computer SPAM box. Designating them as 'not SPAM' does not prevent the new ones from going into SPAM. Does the Borough know the reason for this? Mr. Guzzardo had no explanation. The Borough's email goes through Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB).

3. Consideration: Approval of Minutes: January 06, 2021

There were no comments or corrections noted. Mr. D'Angelo made the motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Tarlecki seconded it. All members voted to approve the minutes of January 06, 2021.

4. Consideration: Appointment of Planning Commission Secretary

Mrs. Tenney was welcomed as a new Commission member. Vice Chair D'Angelo made the motion to appoint Mrs. Tenney as Secretary. Mr. Tarlecki seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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5. Discussion: TOD Ordinance

Mr. Guzzardo noted that the suggested Transit Oriented District (TOD) ordinance has been forwarded to the Borough solicitor. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions regarding public meetings, the Council has not acted on it. Suggestions were offered for possible outdoor and indoor venues when it is possible to hold the meetings, including the Borough's Community Center at 125 North Main St. The suggestion was made to have the TOD raised at the next Council meeting requesting the Margaret Dobbs be hired to explain the Ordinance at the public meeting. This would be considered if Ms. Dobb's new employer gave approval.

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.

6. Consideration: To approve the 2020 Annual Report as amended.

The motion to approve the 2020 Annual Report was amended to include the following: Linda McAdoo, former secretary, will be referenced as the preparer as well as secretary. Mark Tarlecki made the motion. Greta Martin-Washington seconded it. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Discussion of Developments: There were no plans submitted to the Commission.

8. Discussion of Street Paving Plan:

Alan noted that the Borough website showed a map of all the paving for this week. The paving will be paid for with liquid fuels money and a bond towards the end of last year. 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. All streets have been evaluated for this year and the following years.

Regarding the road opening ordinance, Greta Martin-Washington asked if it is a utility, how much of the road is repaired and by whom? Is it full mill and overlay or just a patch? Alan indicated it's a patch with PECO. He will review and consider a moratorium.

9. Discussion of Walkability Study: Greta Martin-Washington indicated the need to see the County walkability study before setting the 2021 agenda.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. by Greg D'Angelo and seconded by Mark Tarlecki. All members voted in agreement 5:0. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary