

# North Wales Borough Planning Commission Meeting

## June 2, 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 for the year of 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greta Martin Washington at 7:06 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 virtual 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. No public was participating through the Zoom Conference link.

2. Consideration: Approval of Minutes for May 5, 2021

Ms. Higgins make the motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2021 and Mr. Tarlecki seconded the motion. Four members voted in agreement 4-0. Chair Greta Martin Washington abstained since she had not been present at the May 5, 2021 meeting.

3. Discussion: North Wales Borough Walkability Study Update

Mr. Konetchy presented an overview of the study's progress, methodology and initial findings for North Wales Borough main intersections. From the Comprehensive Plan he reviewed the vision statement and community survey. The street intersection review has been completed and the sidewalk review is about half completed. He will be in the Borough on Friday, June 4, to complete the streets review. It was noted that some streets had recently received sidewalks through a 'Safe Routes to School' grant program and may not appear on the current Google maps. Chair Greta Martin Washington suggested that there be a 'high priority' emphasis on the major streets: Beaver St., Walnut St. and Main St. A separate system can be created for those streets, removing them from the less traveled ones. Mr. D'Angelo noted that he will discuss with Chief Eves if accidents on those streets were infrastructure related. Mrs. Tenney asked if there were many accidents at the Main St. intersections. Mr. Konetchy replied no; only two or three. However, 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. The Commission suggested that a public comment section would be

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helpful. Since October, 2021, begins Council budget preparation, Mr. Konetchy will have completed his work by then. He'll provide a summary now and one with more detail in October.

6. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. by Mr. Tarlecki and seconded by Ms. Higgins. All members present voted in agreement 4:0. Mrs. Greta Martin Washington's Zoom connection failed and she was not able to vote for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Tenney, Secretary