

**Borough of Kutztown
Planning Commission
Minutes of July 11, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Vice-Chairperson. Members present were: Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Mr. Tim Haring, Mr. Allan Oberholtzer and Dr. Chris Habeck. Mrs. Amanda Raudenbush, Mrs. Pat Snyder and Dr. Andy Arnold were absent. Also present: Mr. Dan Eslinger, Director of Community Development and Ms. Carolann Moody, Recording Secretary.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments.

Comments from Planning Commission Members

Mr. Allan Oberholtzer mentioned he had a few concerns he would like to bring to the attention of the Planning Commission. His first concern is the tractor trailer and construction truck traffic on Highland Avenue. Mr. Oberholtzer stated that they are not making local deliveries and there is no construction currently on Highland Avenue. Mr. Oberholtzer questioned if there could be a sign stating "local traffic only" posted on Highland Avenue. Mr. Dan Eslinger mentioned that he will address Mr. Oberholtzer's concern at the Community Development/Public Safety meeting on Tuesday, July 12th. However, Mr. Eslinger said that with the upcoming closure of Main Street from Willow to Elm, more traffic will be detoured to Highland Avenue.

Mr. Allan Oberholtzer's second concern was regarding some home owners not taking care of their properties. Mr. Oberholtzer mentioned that some are not taking care of the bushes or cutting the grass. Mr. Dan Eslinger stated that there is a Zoning Ordinance that address hedges not being above 6'. Mr. Eslinger also suggested that Mr. Oberholtzer call the Community Development Office and speak with either Mr. Eslinger or Mr. Matt Hafer regarding any of these nuisance issues. They will address the issue either by going to the house or making a phone call. Mr. Eslinger mentioned that they prefer to do that rather than mail letters.

Mr. Allan Oberholtzer's final concern was regarding noise, specifically, cars that are loud. Mr. Dan Eslinger mentioned that the Borough Noise Ordinance doesn't contain any decibel level enforcement. There is special equipment that would need to be purchased and in addition to it being very expensive, personnel would need to be trained to use the equipment. Mr. Eslinger stated that he doesn't believe that would be an option at this time. Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder suggested if the routine of the person making the noise could be determined, Mr. Oberholtzer could call the police department to have an officer be in the area to witness the noise so the offender could be issued a warning or a citation. Mr. Allan Oberholtzer then questioned if the police department would be more aggressive on Highland Avenue once the detour starts and Mr. Dan Eslinger mentioned that he will bring up Mr. Oberholtzer's concerns at the July 12th Community Development/Public Safety meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the temporary closing of East Main Street due to the storm sewer work that needs to be completed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Tim Haring seconded by Dr. Chris Habeck to approve the minutes with one correction. Under Off Agenda in the first paragraph, change head end to Alex Court. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

New Business/Action Items

- **Discussion Regarding Opposition to the Expansion of the Kutztown Quarry**

Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder mentioned that she attended the Water/Wastewater Committee meeting and that they voted to oppose the revised permit to expand the quarry. Ms. Ladd-Kidder also mentioned that Borough Council voted to oppose the expansion of the quarry. DEP has not notified anyone of when the public hearing will be, but they only give 14 days' notice. Ms. Ladd-Kidder requested everyone write a comment letter and attend the public hearing.

There was a brief discussion regarding the level of pollutants in the mine discharge water, the testing of the contaminant levels by the Quarry and follow-up by the Borough, as well as the impact on the Sacony Creek, quality of water, temperature and possible damage to the creek banks.

- **Food Truck Ordinance Draft**

Mr. Dan Eslinger distributed copies of Food Truck Ordinance draft to committee members mentioning that he received them from Mr. Keith Mooney, the Kutztown Borough Solicitor. Mr. Eslinger requested committee members to review the draft so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business/Updates

There was no Old Business/Updates

Off Agenda

There was nothing Off Agenda

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Allan Oberholtzer seconded by Mr. Tim Haring to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Carolann Moody
Recording Secretary