

**Borough of Kutztown  
Planning Commission  
Minutes of March 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Ms. Karen Feridun, Vice-Chairman. Members present were: Ms. Karen Feridun, Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Mr. Leon Weber, Ms. Amanda Jensen, and recording secretary Mrs. Jill Remick. Also in attendance: Mrs. Laura Eberly, SSM. Community members present: Michelle Sayles.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**Planning Commission Member Comments**

Mr. John Loomis submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission, which was accepted with regret.

Ms. Feridun reported on the next three events the EAC is sponsoring/co-sponsoring.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of February 14, 2011 were reviewed by members. Motion by Ms. Ladd-Kidder, seconded by Mr. Weber, to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**New Business/Action Items:**

With the resignation of Mr. Loomis, the floor was opened to nominations for Chair. Ms. Ladd-Kidder nominated Ms. Feridun for the position. Ms. Feridun was voted Chair by unanimous acclamation.

The floor was then opened to nominations for Vice-Chair. Ms. Sayles nominated Ms. Ladd-Kidder for the position. Ms. Ladd-Kidder was voted Vice-Chair by unanimous acclamation.

**Berks County – Draft County Comp. Plan Future Land Use Plan Map**

Ms. Eberly reviewed with members a letter from the Berks County Planning Commission (BCPC) and explained the role the Kutztown Planning Commission will have in submitting comments to the BCPC regarding their draft map.

Members compared the BCPC draft Future Land Use Plan Map with both the Borough Zoning Map and the Future Land Use Map developed by the Kutztown Planning Commission for the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Upon reviewing and comparing the maps members found no inconsistencies between the BCPC Draft Future Land Use Plan Map and the Borough's Zoning Map or Future Land Use Map. A letter will be drafted and sent to the BCPC stating the Planning Commission's findings.

**Updated Berks County Floodplain Mapping**

Ms. Eberly distributed maps created by the Berks County Mapping Department, showing the Borough of Kutztown with updated flood plain areas. Ms. Eberly explained to members the drafted map, how it was updated, and what it means for the Borough of Kutztown and its residents. Mrs. Eberly further explained that FEMA did not remodel the flood plain, but the base mapping on which the flood plains are overlaid has been updated. FEMA anticipates publishing finalized maps in June 2011, with an effective date of December 2011, 180 days after publication. Ms. Eberly explained that the Borough will also be required to adopt an updated floodplain ordinance.

Members agreed that information regarding the updated floodplain mapping should be included in the letter to the BCPC regarding their Future Land Use Plan Map, suggesting that once the floodplain map is finalized and approved, their Future Land Use Plan Map reflect the changes made by FEMA.

**Old Business/Updates  
Comprehensive Plan**

The next meeting date is set for 03/28/11 at 7:30.

**Reports/Announcements**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 by Ms. Feridun, Vice-Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Andy Arnold, Secretary  
Kutztown Borough Planning Commission