Borough of Kutztown Planning Commission Workshop Minutes of November 27, 2023

A workshop of the Planning Commission was held on Monday, November 27, 2023, in the Kutztown Borough Municipal Building Multi-Purpose Room.

Members present were Mr. Robert Weller (Chairperson), Ms. Denise Bosler, Mr. Steve Fenstermacher, Ms. Pat Snyder, Mr. Joel Seidel, and Mr. Randy Marsteller. Also present were two applicants for a future open position on the Planning Commission: Mr. Seth Johnson and Ms. Amy Hubler.

Review of Applications for Potential KPC Candidates

Ms. Amy Hubler and Mr. Seth Johnson provided insights regarding their background and interest in joining the Planning Commission.

Review of Open Items from the Hailstone Plan

Commissioners reviewed the Hailstone Plan to highlight open items that could be prioritized for action. Discussion for action focused on Planning and Codes (see Strategic Action list on page 29) with special emphasis on parking (see page 30) and streamlining land development & permitting approval process to encourage development (see pages 39-42). Other areas of emphasis included creating incentives for renovation and improvement (see page 63), installation of trash receptacles on Main Street (see page 68) and improved signage for ALL municipal parking lots.

Discussion of 222 By-Pass Noise Abatement Options

Mr. Weller will reach out to Judy Schwank (PA Senator) through Sandy Green (KCP) to determine PennDOT district contacts for assessment of feasibility and potential next steps.

Off Agenda

No topics

Agenda for Next Meeting on 11 Dec 2023

- Vote on candidates/applicants
- Hailstone action item follow-up
- Status of noise abatement follow-up

Respectfully Submitted,

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