

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 5, 2011**

The *Planning Commission* Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Paul Pigman. In attendance were members Joan Miles, Sharon Pillar, Stanley Ference. Shannon Ashmore, Marlin Bartos and David St. Jacques were not in attendance due to work. Also in attendance were court stenographer Donna McMullen, AJ Schwartz and Carolyn Yagle from EPD and Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

Mr. Pigman led the Planning Commission Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Joan Miles, seconded by Sharon Pillar, the Minutes of the September 7, 2011 Planning Commission were approved, 3-0-1, with Paul Pigman abstaining due to not being present.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing

Chairman Paul Pigman recused himself from voting on the issue as the McManus property is across the alley from his but would conduct the hearing. No members objected.

Chairperson Paul Pigman conducted the Public Hearing for 20 Thorn Street, the McManus Plan of Consolidation, Block and Lot Numbers 507-L-070 and 507-L-073. Court Stenographer Donna McMullen administered oaths to all those testifying.

Mr. Peter Perkins, architect for the project, addressed the Planning Commission stating that the request was for the combining of the lots. The rear property is used by the McManus family and they simply wish to combine the lots. They did receive a zoning variance on February 2, 2010. The Chair did ask for any other pros and cons. There were no other comments received.

Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery did state that the hearing was advertised in accordance with the MPC and the Borough of Sewickley Code of Ordinances. In addition, a review letter was received from Allegheny County Economic Development stating that they have no comments or concerns with the consolidation plan.

On motion of Joan Miles, seconded by Stanley Ference, the Commission, voted 3-0, to close the Public Hearing. After some discussion, Sharon Pillar made a motion, seconded by Stanley Ference, to recommend to Sewickley Borough Council the approval of the consolidation plan for 20 Thorn Street. Borough Manager reminded Mr. Perkins to be in attendance for the Council meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

The Planning Commission reviewed the September 27 Excerpts regarding changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Some of the excerpts are to meet requirements of the Allegheny County Economic development review. Mr. Shcwartz and Ms. Yagle, of EPD, reviewed the changes. After some discussion and review, Joan Miles made a motion, seconded by Sharon Pillar, to recommend the excerpts as amendments to Zoning Ordinance and to recommend to Council that they be forwarded to the Allegheny County Economic Development.

Borough Manager advised that the probable date for the Public Hearing would be December 7, and December 19 for Council.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Stanley Ference, seconded by Joan Miles, the Planning Commission, voted, 4-0, to approve the 2012 Calendar for Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Joan Miles, seconded by Stanley Ference, the Planning Commission voted, 4-0, to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 2, 2011 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Acting Secretary