BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Paul Pigman. In attendance were Marlin Bartos, Erica Kagle, Shea Murtaugh, Thomas Rostek, Nathan St. Germain and Todd Renner. Also in attendance was Borough Manager Kevin M. Flannery.

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

REORGANIZATION

On motion of Mr. Renner, seconded by Mr. Bartos, the Planning Commission, voted 7-0, to re-elect Mr. Pigman as the Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Rostek, seconded by Ms. Kagle, the Planning Commission, voted 7-0, to re-elect Mr. Bartos as the Vice-Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Bartos, seconded by Ms. Murtaugh, the Planning Commission, voted 7-0, to select Borough Manager, Kevin M. Flannery as the Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Rostek, seconded by Mr. Renner, the Planning Commission Minutes of November 4, 2015 were approved, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The Planning Commission will hold a hearing in March for the C-1 Front Yard Proposed Ordinance. Allegheny County Economic Development currently reviewing the document.

Borough Manager reported that Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Sewickley Car Store Rezoning and the Consolidation Plan of Lots.

NEW BUSINESS

The Planning Commission reviewed the reappointment letter of Thomas Rostek.

Borough Manager reviewed the proposed "Ohio River Greenway Trail – North Shore Connector Sewickley to Center Township." The proposed plan is to connect a bikeway from Route 51 across the Sewickley Bridge to connect to Edgeworth, to Leetsdale, to Ambridge, to Route 51. The current plan was initially reviewed and commented on by Borough Council in July of 2015.

The Borough was in support of the bike route to come across the Sewickley Bridge, right onto Kramer Street, to right on to Chadwick Street, to right on Ferry Street and proceed either up Ferry Street or Grant Street, to a left onto Beaver Road to Edgeworth. The reverse would be from Edgeworth, to right onto Grant Street, to Ferry Street, to left onto Chadwick Street, to a left onto River Avenue, to right onto Route 65 for 200 feet to right across Sewickley Bridge or utilization of the Sewickley Bridge sidewalks. In addition, there was a specific concern not to use Beaver Street in the Business District, or Broad Street, or the crossing of bicycles across Route 65. The current plan did not accept that recommendation. After some discussion, the Planning Commission members were in agreement with the use of Grant Street and Chadwick Street as preferred bicycles routes.

Borough Manager stated that in 2016 the Planning Commission will be preparing a Comprehensive Plan Request Proposal for 2017. The Planning Commission was asked to review the current 2007 Comprehensive Plan for items of discussion. The Planning Commission will also need to reach out to the Township of Aleppo and the Borough of Glen Osborne to see if a Joint Comprehensive Plan Request will be made as was done in 2006. Borough Manager did indicate that there is funding for multi municipal planning. Borough Manager requested that the Comprehensive Plan be a monthly item on the Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Rostek, seconded by Mr. St. Germain, the Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin M. Flannery
Secretary