

**COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
October 17, 2019 @ 7:00PM**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Arnold Mann

Roll Call: Chair, Arnold Mann, Richard Wallace, Alex Tweedie, Chris Rood, Dean Miller and Thomas Gamble

Absent: Vice-Chair, Shannon Spencer

Other Present: David Leh, Engineer, Dan Grieser, Solicitor and Geoff Thompson, Manager

Approval of September 19, 2019 Minutes: **MOTION** by Mr. Gamble to approve the September 19, 2019 minutes, second by Mr. Wallace. **MOTION adopted 6-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a Waiver of Land Development Plan - Ursinus College Driveway Enhancement:

Tim Woodrow, the engineer for the applicant, reviewed the proposed driveway project. Ursinus College is proposing to replace the existing macadam driveway adjacent to the new Student Commons Building with pervious pavers. The driveway would be made wider and add parking spaces, decorative light fixtures and additional landscaping. The pavers would extend past the Student Commons Building to Corson Hall. Ursinus College is requesting that the Planning Commission recommend to Borough Council a Waiver of the Land Development for the project.

Mr. Grieser explained the Land Development Waiver process to the Planning Commission. Mr. Mann asked about the proposed time-frame for the project. Mr. Woodrow explained that Ursinus would like to have the project completed by April 2020. Mr. Tweedie questioned the distance of the first parking spot from Main St. Mr. Mann asked Mr. Leh if he reviewed the stormwater information for the project. Mr. Leh stated that the information has not yet been submitted. Mr. Wallace questioned Mr. Grieser about his conflict of interest due to being employed by Ursinus College.

MOTION by Mr. Rood to recommend that Borough Council approve a Waiver of Land Development for the Ursinus College Driveway Enhancement Project, second by Mr. Miller. **MOTION adopted 5-0** (Mr. Wallace abstained)

Discussion of Snout House Zoning Regulations: Mr. Grieser reviewed his draft Snout Home ordinance. Questions arose regarding what constituted a garage face and what distance would be measured. The ordinance would exempt townhomes. The Planning Commission's consensus was to allow Mr. Grieser to make changes to the draft ordinance and bring it back to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Discussion of Updating the Sign Zoning Regulations: Mr. Grieser presented a draft sign ordinance. Mr. Thompson explained that the impetus for the discussion was a complaint regarding a political flag being displayed. The current ordinance restricts political signs from being posted until 30 days prior to Election Day. Mr. Grieser explained that while researching this issue he noticed that some other sections of the sign ordinance needed updated due to

court decisions or conflicted with other sections of the code. Questions arose regarding how to regulate political and free speech signs and Royal Farms sign allowances. The consensus of the Planning Commission was to have Mr. Grieser continue work on the ordinance and discuss it at a future meeting.

No additional business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Geoffrey Thompson, Manager/Secretary