

Planning Commission Meeting

July 5, 2023

6:00pm

Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 6:16pm

Present were Commission Members Brent Boyer, Jane Woodside, Yvonne Miller, Dana Bellis, and Alan Bowman.

Also present was Borough Manager James Whitall.

Minutes from the May 3rd meeting were approved unanimously. Motion by Mr. Dana Bellis, 2nd by Ms. Jane Woodside.

The Commission reviewed comments from the Codes Officer, Karen Zaporozec regarding the regulation of short-term rental properties within the Borough. Use of residential property for short-term rentals constitutes change of use under the construction code. This carries a financial burden for the property owner by requiring sprinkler systems. The Planning Commission should consider whether regulation should/should not be in place. The Commission requested more information and Manager Whitall was asked to invite Ms. Zaporozec to the next meeting and to partner with PSAB to determine if other municipalities are regulating short-term rentals and how that's being done.

The Commission reviewed comments from Codes Officer Karen Zaporozec regarding the use of stones in landscaping by property owners for the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the curb. There is currently no regulation on the use of stones, but they are commonly kicked into the street and make their way into storm sewers. They are also picked up and thrown. The Commission should consider whether or not to suggest an ordinance amendment to Borough Council. The members of the Commission would like more time to see how many properties this would affect in the Borough to determine if any action would need to be taken.

The business being completed, Ms. Jane Woodside made a motion to adjourn with the next meeting being August 2nd, 2023. Second by Ms. Yvonne Miller. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Whitall, Borough Manager