

Valencia Borough Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

10-1-2020

Commissioners Present: Torey Verts; Julie Himmelstein; John Mullins

Guests: Brian Himmelstein

Call to order:

The meeting of the Valencia Borough Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Amend/Approve Minutes:

No changes were made to the meeting minutes from 9-3-2020.

Decision: Commissioner Himmelstein made the motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Mullins seconded.

Vote: 3.0.0

Public Comments

No public comments.

New business:

Lot Line Revision Request

Mr. Himmelstein reviewed with commissioners a potential request for a lot line revision. The potential lots were 50 and 52 Allegheny Avenue. The revision would make the lot at 50 Allegheny Avenue into a non-conforming lot. Commissioners and Mr. Himmelstein agreed that unless a hardship could be proven, the request should be denied as it would violate Valencia Borough's Zoning Ordinance. The request will be submitted to Zoning Officer Chris Rearick for further review and input.

St. Barnabas PRD

Mr. Himmelstein has a site meeting with St. Barnabas tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Himmelstein asked commissioners if St. Barnabas had contacted them regarding the well testing on their properties. Commissioner Verts and Commissioner Mullins stated that they had not yet been contacted by St. Barnabas.

Mr. Himmelstein reported that St. Barnabas still does not have their SFMP permit. Inspectors from engineering firm Scott Shoup's company are doing site inspections 2-3 times a week. Engineer Shoup will give monthly reports and let Council know of any issues that aren't resolvable.

Burning Ordinance

Commissioners discussed revisions that they want to make to the current burning ordinance. Adams Township sent out an advertisement for their soon to be adopted new ordinance. Commissioners would like to keep the new proposed Valencia Borough burning ordinance similar to that of Adams so that it would be easier to enforce. Commissioners discussed having a fireworks section in the burning ordinance as there has been issues with fireworks being set off in the middle of the night and during burning bans. Commissioner Verts will send out the burning ordinances from Pine Richland and Seven Fields for comparison.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 5:30.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Amend/approve minutes
- Burning ordinance review

This month's assignments:

Commissioner Verts – November agenda; set up Zoom meeting; Review burning ordinance information

Commissioner Himmelstein – Review burning ordinance information

Commissioner Mullins – Borough building attendee; Review burning ordinance information

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Decision: Commissioner Mullins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Himmelstein seconded.

Vote: 3.0.0