

## **Valencia Borough Planning Commission**

*Meeting Minutes*

7-2-2020

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*Commissioners Present:* Torey Verts; Julie Himmelstein; John Mullins

*Guests:* None

### **Call to order:**

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

### **Amend/Approve Minutes:**

No minutes were presented for approval.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **New business:**

#### **Safety Protocol for Meetings**

For the safety of the community as well as its representatives, commissioners decided to change the structure of monthly Planning Commission meetings to a virtual format. Until further notice, commissioners will hold monthly meetings via Zoom or other video conferencing apps. During the meeting, one commissioner will be present in the borough building to address any public commentary. The other commissioners will be present via the conferencing apps. Commissioner Verts will research various apps to see what may work best.

#### **Annual Report to Council**

The annual Valencia Borough Planning Commission report to Council is due. Commissioner Himmelstein will compile the report. Commissioners will email information to be included in the report to Commissioner Himmelstein. A draft of the report will be presented at August's meeting.

#### **Zoning Ordinance – Signage**

Commissioners reviewed the signage portion of the Valencia Borough Zoning Ordinance. Commissioners brought up the St. Barnabas furniture truck with changing signage that sits in the playground. Commissioners believe the signage is in violation of the zoning ordinance, however, they decided this is not a crucial issue at this time. Commissioner Himmelstein will email Council for a further decision to be made regarding the St. Barnabas truck.

#### **Zoning Ordinance – Steep Slopes**

Commissioners discussed the need to revise the steep slopes section of the zoning ordinance. Commissioners would like to see extra protection for those features in the borough as a lack of protection might lead to watershed issues and more flooding should development occur. Commissioners agreed to review the steep slopes portion of the zoning ordinance for next month.

### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 5:30.

**Agenda items for next meeting:**

- Amend/approve minutes
- Steep slopes review
- Annual report review

**This month's assignments:**

Commissioner Verts – August agenda; review steep slopes ordinance

Commissioner Himmelstein – Write annual report; review steep slopes ordinance

Commissioner Mullins – Review steep slopes ordinance

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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

**Vote:** 3.0.0