

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Planning Commission met on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS

David Taylor
Dr. Ed Richards
Aaron Haines
Rick Park
Arthur McKinley

STAFF

Manager Dana Rooney
Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch
Recorder Christine Gunning

VISITORS

Boyd Kerr
Seth Kerr

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice-Chairman Ed Richards moved to approve the minutes of the June 22nd Planning Commission meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Rick Park. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Subdivision Plans – Boyd and Marlene Kerr** – Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch stated Boyd Kerr sent in an application for a subdivision. Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch stated he wanted to adjust the lot line between his two properties at 162 and 164 Hastings Street. Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch stated the adjustment would basically put his shed and his driveway in the one lot, and subdivide the other lot from that. Chairman David Taylor asked if we are o.k. lot size and what not in terms of the subdivision? Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch stated yes, he owns both properties. Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch stated in March of last year, the Planning Commission approved the concept. Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch asked if Boyd Kerr had any comments. Boyd Kerr stated it is just a matter of moving the interior line to incorporate the small shed and a portion of his driveway onto his primary and present property. Member Aaron Haines asked if there was enough offset off of the shed. Boyd Kerr stated it did not meet it before, and he figured it would be grandfathered. Vice-Chairman Ed Richards made a motion to approve the subdivision plans for the property of Boyd and Marlene Kerr at 162 and 164 Hastings Street; seconded by Member Aaron Haines. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Brookville Riverfront Access and Beautification – Member Arthur McKinley** – Member Arthur McKinley stated he would like to bring up something that has been cooking for a long time, and gave his Brookville Riverfront Access and Beautification presentation to the Commission Members (attached). Afterward, Member Arthur McKinley stated he wanted to bring this to this commission, get

input and direction, identify issues, work through any obstacles we might have, at the right time discuss this with property owners, and present it to Brookville Borough Council. Member Arthur McKinley stated he proposes that this commission study this, refine it, and act on it. Chairman David Taylor stated he thinks we ought to take this to Brookville Borough Council and see what Council has to say, because they are the ultimate arbiters. Manager Dana Rooney stated we need to look at the minutes at where it was left at Council. Manager Dana Rooney stated she knows there was an engineering study done, and there was a proposed plan with different phases on how to construct it. Manager Dana Rooney stated she knows there were some issues with how it was just presented to you with Taylor Street being one of them, since it is not actually wide enough to sustain adding a designated trail. Manager Dana Rooney stated there were issues with the easements as well. Chairman David Taylor stated in theory he thinks it is a wonderful idea, and it would enhance the riverfront. Manager Dana Rooney stated an issue was the liability standpoint with Council. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Brookville Borough cannot put something in their right of way that is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Chairman David Taylor stated he thinks one of the other issues was plantings, and that was an Army Corps of Engineers issue. After some discussion, Chairman David Taylor stated he suggests tabling this, and referring it to Brookville Borough Council. Member Aaron Haines made a motion to table the topic of Brookville Riverfront Access and Beautification and refer it to Brookville Borough Council; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ed Richards. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. **Demolitions in Historic District – Chairman David Taylor** – Chairman David Taylor stated we used to have a clause in our Zoning Ordinance that set up a Historic Overlay District, and it matches the National Register District which runs from Church Street, up to Laurel Avenue, to the end of Main Street on the east side, and down to the creek on the south side. Chairman David Taylor stated that Historic Overlay District matches the Historic District. Chairman David Taylor stated as he understands it, and he thinks this was part of the ordinance, that anytime an application for demolition within the Historic District was applied for, it was to come to the Planning Commission for review, and then make a recommendation to Brookville Borough Council to either permit it, or deny it, as a special exception. Manager Dana Rooney stated she believes he is correct. Manager Dana Rooney stated the biggest issue with the property we are discussing is no application for demolition was applied for. Chairman David Taylor stated he drove past it today and it is a pile of rubble. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are talking about the yellow brick house right across from the auto parts store on Pickering Street. Pennsafe Building Inspection Services, LLC from DuBois was in town today, and put a stop on it since no permits were applied for. Manager Dana Rooney stated they came in today and filled out demolition applications. Manager Dana Rooney stated Rick Cook owns it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

OFFICIAL REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Rick Park made a motion to adjourn at 5:37 P.M.; seconded by Vice-Chairman Ed Richards. Motion carried 5-0.