

MECHANICSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES – JANUARY 30, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Planning Commission Members: Daryl Ackerman, Kathy Bernd, Kirk Corliss, Chris Knarr, Harry Baker, and Ed LeClear

Absent: Tim DeWire

Borough Council: Linda Humes, Roger Ciecierski

Borough Staff: None

Cumberland County Planning Commission: Jim Bennett

Applicants: None

Press: None

Others: A. J. Schwartz, EPD

Next Meeting: February 13, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Work Session: February 26, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Corliss at 6:30 p.m. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES:

1. Chris Knarr informed the commission about a 6-7 hour zoning ordinance presentation A. J. Schwartz of EPD and he are planning to give to the PA State Association of Boroughs in May. It is geared toward Borough and County elected officials.
2. **Hess Farm.** There was discussion on the email correspondence regarding McCarthy Engineering's request to go before the Borough Council at the February 5th meeting to discuss desired road width and sight distance waivers.

The work session was intended to review and discuss zoning ordinance update information prepared by Environmental Planning and Design. A. J. Schwartz distributed an agenda and presented and discussed the attached draft documents. The presentation and discussion are summarized below:

1. Revised Draft Permitted, Conditional and Special Exception Use Designations document.
 - a. This document incorporates changes from PC comments.
 - b. A.J. reviewed "Group" facilities – PC needs to think about current definitions and if/how they should change.
 - c. Highlighted changes in Non-residential Use. PC asked for some additional changes.
 - d. Asked AJ to scrub the designations against the TND
2. Dimensional Discussion Points.
 - a. Discussed possibility of new districts to cover clusters of non-conforming lots.
 - b. Discussed ideas on setback changes.
 - c. PC asked to think about buffer areas.
3. Discussed initial zoning concept diagram.
4. Questions/discussion on location policy for "Municipal Drop-off Use".
5. Questions/discussion on mobile home parks in RL zone.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 p.m., Bernd moved, seconded by LeClear, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried.