

**THE BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

The February Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was conducted on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at approximately 7:06 P.M. The Meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clark's Summit, County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. John Durdan called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance were Mr. John Kazista, Mr. Shannon Brown, John Durdan, Solicitor Michael Cowley and Code Officer Ms. Jenn Basalyga. Mr. Ed Yasinskas, Mr. John Recicar and Recording Secretary Virginia Kehoe were absent.

Mr. Shannon took the role as Vice Chair to call for the reorganization of the Planning Commission.

REORGANIZATION:

- **Chair:** John Durdan made the first motion to serve as chair himself, seconded by John Kazista, vote was unanimous, 3-0.
- **Vice Chair:** John Durdan made the first motion to nominate Ed Yasinskas as the Vice Chair, seconded by John Kazista, vote was 3-0.
- **Solicitor:** John Durdan made the first motion to nominate Michael Cowley as the Solicitor, seconded by John Kazista, vote was 3-0.
- **Secretary:** John Durdan made the first motion to nominate Virginia Kehoe as Recording Secretary, seconded by John Kazista, vote was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Shannon Brown made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by John Kazista, vote was unanimous 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letters for the public library: Shannon Brown made the first motion to approve the issuance of the letter conditioned on John Durdan reviewing the letter first, seconded by John Kazista, vote was unanimous 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENT:

SITE PLANS AND RE-SUBDIVISIONS:

- n/a

OLD BUSINESS:

- **2019 activity report:** John Durdan made the first motion to approve the 2019 Activity Report which is presented to Council, seconded by John Kazista, vote was unanimous 3-0.

- **SAPA update:** The meeting was to discuss Article 6: Specific Criteria, Conditional Uses, and Special Exceptions. Livestock was removed from the list. Equestrian Farm was removed. Crematoriums were discussed. Mr. Brown stated that the problem is that the crematorium was approved as an accessory use, which is a diminimus type use. The language under Funeral Home needs to be addressed. Mobile Home Park was removed. Under Dwelling: Apartment Building, Solicitor Cowley asked about #2. He asked about pervious concrete. They agreed with him. Also, # J-1 there shouldn't be allowances for only full time students, part time should be included. #O-11 was questioned. #S-2, Solicitor Cowley asked what if the gas station was across from a neighborhood, they might not be able to screen a loading dock. They will look at the definition of a Gasoline Service Station. #DD and #EE, Raising of Livestock, large and small scale, were removed. #GG Recycling should only be on a small scale, not large scale. #JJ Riding Academy & Stables was removed. #MM Shopping Mall is not practical. #NN Vehicle or Equipment Sales, #1 and #2 should read and/or with automobile repair.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Borough of Clarks Summit Funding Request for Grant Consideration**
They would like to check with Virginia Kehoe for more information.

John Durdan discussed tiny houses. How do they fit into the zoning ordinance?
Mr. Durdan would like to discuss this further.

ADJOURNMENT:

John Kazista made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Shannon Brown, vote was unanimous.