

**THE BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014**

AGENDA

The October Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was conducted on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at approximately 7:03 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. Chairman John Durdan called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance were Mr. John Durdan, Mr. Ed Yasinkas, Mr. Len Wesolowski, Solicitor Mike Cowley, Mr. John Recicar, Code Officer Lori Harris, and Recording Secretary Ms. Virginia Kehoe. Carson Helfrich and Chris O' Boyle were absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ed Yasinkas made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Len Wesolowski, vote was unanimous 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

N/A

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letters of Support: Abington Community Library:
The Gathering Place

Virginia Kehoe stated that we have two community groups that are looking for money from the state through the local share account from the Monroe County Gaming monies. Both require letters from the County and from the Borough's Planning Commission indicating that their requests are consistent with or a priority in our comprehensive plan. Since we have adopted the SAPA plan, Ms. Kehoe went into the plan and found areas that verify the consistency. For the letters Ms. Kehoe quoted from the SAPA plan in the letters. Both are non-profit groups. The library is funded through the county. The AACC is sponsoring the Gathering Place, they are completely non-profit, and Council granted them a 20 year lease for downstairs in order to set up their Community Art and Education Center. Len Wesolowski made the first motion to approve the letters of support, seconded by Ed Yasinkas, vote was unanimous 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENT:

SITE PLANS AND RE-SUBDIVISIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Possible Amendments:

Food Trucks

Trash – left at curb

Newsracks

There is a Council member that was concerned about some of the language. One has some opinions on these ordinances. What comes from pc is a recommendation only and they have every opportunity to change anything that they want and ultimately majority rules.

Is there anything that we can look at in the downtown area concerning the Gathering Place? That would be more of a daytime issue. Don't think it will be such a big problem. Bigger issue when the bar next door opens at night. The Gathering Place does have classes in the evening and fundraisers. There is area to buy to supply parking. Virginia Kehoe stated that the Borough can't get involved in anything that would benefit any individual business. The parking lots are private. Len Wesolowski gave an example of a community that used an umbrella insurance policy with the private businesses for evening parking. Virginia Kehoe stated that the Depot Street project has been difficult getting this through the County. They are in the middle of an audit with CDBG. Everything has been frozen due to the audit. The Borough is still working on the Pocket Park at this point going fine. A lot of paving that was supposed to be done, don't want to put the pave on the road until the sewer work is done. First thing in the spring of 2015 will bid out for paving. A lot of storm water work being done. Leaf pickup begins Monday, will run through Thanksgiving, if the weather allows, can go after. No more brush pickup this year. Big change, some people are still putting leaves in the road, more people are raking them to the edge of their property as they are supposed to. Every quarter before the sewer bill is sent out, there is an insert included with the invoice. Reaches out, any suggestions for any information to get out to the community let her know. Need to make sure there are numbers clearly marked on houses.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed Yasinkas made the first motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Len Wesolowski, vote was unanimous 3-0.