

MINUTES  
ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION

March 10, 2020

The Elizabethtown Borough Planning Commission held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Borough Office. The Commissioners present were Dr. Kyle Kopko, Jenni Woodworth, Everald McDonald, Christine R. Seitz, and Tyler Hoover. Planning and Zoning Director, Pamela Roberts was also present.

**Public Comment:**

There was no comment from the public to be heard.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on February 11, 2020 were unanimously approved on a motion offered by McDonald, seconded by Hoover.

**Carey Lane Presentation and Discussion:**

Chris Venarchick with RGS Associates and Aaron Repucci with Catalyst Commercial Development were present at the Planning Commission to discuss a project in Mount Joy Township. Catalyst Commercial Development is interested in creating a large residential development on a farm along Campus Road in Mount Joy Township. Access to the development will be made by connections to Groff Avenue and Ridgeview Road within the Borough limits.

There are already significant safety concerns about the Groff Avenue and South Market Street intersection. Adding a significant amount of traffic to the problematic intersection is a major concern to the developer, Mount Joy Township and Elizabethtown Borough. The developer is suggesting to make a connection between Carey Lane, which is the street next to the Member's First Bank, and South Mount Joy Street. The developer feels this is the best and most cost effective solution to the issue of traffic dispersion.

The developer looked into the logistics of installing a traffic light at the Groff Avenue and South Market Street intersection and building a bridge across the creek to connect both sections of South Mount Joy Street. The developer feels that constructing a bridge would be cost prohibitive and the developer's traffic engineer does not feel that a lighted signal would be permitted by the standards of PennDOT. This would mean the only viable option for traffic dispersion is the Carey Lane connection.

Planning Commission members were in general support of the presentation. Vice-Chair Woodworth stated that she felt this connection would not only help the residents of the new development but also residents of Elizabethtown Borough who travel South Spruce Street or South Mount Joy Street to get to Giant or Weis.

Because this was an informal presentation to the Planning Commission, no action was taken.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business to be heard.

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**Adjournment:**

The Planning Commission adjourned at 6:52 p.m. unanimously approved on a motion offered by Kopko, seconded by Seitz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Roberts  
Planning and Zoning Director