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ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION

April 9, 2019

The Elizabethtown Borough Planning Commission held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Borough Office. The Commissioners present were Chairman Kyle Kopko, Jenni Woodworth, Everal McDonald, and Christine R. Seitz. Vice Chairman David Grey was absent. Planning and Zoning Director, Pamela Craddock and Jennifer Prunoske of Hanover Engineering were 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 March 12, 2019 were unanimously approved on a motion offered by Woodworth, seconded by Seitz.

United Churches Elizabethtown Area Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan:

The Borough received a request from the applicant to table the discussion until the May 14, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

Village Green Apartment Complex Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan:

Jeff Shyk, K&W Engineering, briefly introduced the project and explained the layout of the property with the proposed units. High Associates plans to keep all of the existing amenities in the current location, with the exception of the playground, which will be moved to accommodate stormwater facilities.

Mr. Shyk stated that the Planning Commission's comments during the conditional use presentation were taken into account in this plan submission. An additional 10 parking spaces were added to the plan and the parking was redistributed to provide spaces closer to the buildings. The ADA parking spaces were also moved closer to buildings.

Craddock asked Mr. Shyk and Tony Seitz, High Associates, about the pedestrian path from the existing units to the new area of the property. During the conditional use hearing, Borough Council expressed concern about the layout of the pathway and if it could be redesigned to allow safe access through the parking areas. Mr. Shyk and Mr. Seitz stated that the route is the most direct and they do not see a safety issue with the proposed layout of the path.

Action:

Moved by Seitz, seconded by Woodworth to accept the Village Green Apartment Complex Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for review. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabethtown College Athletics Major Stormwater Management Plan:

Chairman Kopko introduced the Elizabethtown College Athletics Major Stormwater Management Plan and stated that he would be recusing himself from all discussion on the project.

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David Madary, Derck and Edson, introduced the project to the Planning Commission. The College Athletics Major Stormwater Management Plan is part of a RACP grant that Elizabethtown College received last year. The RACP grant is meant to be focused specifically on improving health and fitness on the Elizabethtown College Campus.

Mr. Madary explained the extent of the project which includes renovations to the tennis court and softball field, an access from East Cherry Street to the college, and many other pedestrian connections throughout the campus. The current access from East College Street will be upgraded with a new overlay and lighting to create a pedestrian walking trail. Bollards will be placed at both ends of the trail to keep vehicles out but allow emergency vehicles as a second means of access to the campus. Other pedestrian sidewalks will help make the campus more walkable and a create ADA connections.

Action:

Moved by McDonald, seconded by Woodworth to accept the Elizabethtown College Athletics Major Stormwater Management Plan for review. Motion passed 3-0.

Other Business:

Craddock informed the Planning Commission that Borough Council approved a 120-day time extension for the AutoZone Land Development plan with a new expiration date of August 17, 2019.

Adjournment:

The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:04 p.m. unanimously approved on a motion offered by Seitz, seconded by McDonald.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Craddock
Planning and Zoning Director