MINUTES ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

May 10, 2016

The Elizabethtown Borough Planning Commission held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Borough Office. The Commissioners present were: Chairman Jeffrey Kinsey, Vice Chairman Ralph Spayd, David Grey and Dr. Kyle Kopko. Commissioner Everald McDonald was not present. Also present was Planning & Zoning Director Rodney L. Horton.

Public Comment:

There was no comment from the public to be heard.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on April 12, 2016 were unanimously approved on a motion offered by Kopko, seconded by Grey.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment:

Horton provided a brief explanation of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments. The Planning Commission heard an update to the changes made to the proposed ordinance since the introduction at the preceding meeting. The Planning Commission entered into general discussion which led to the following recommendation:

- 1. Section 17.2 (page no. 7) be amended to state the following: Where the required amount of parking spaces conflict with the requirements listed in Section 1604, the applicant, upon approval from the Zoning Officer, may substitute parking spaces with approved bike racks. The Zoning Officer cannot approve such requests without the applicant meeting 80% of the required parking standards listed in Section 1604.
 - 1. Remove the word "sq." from the maximum sign height provided in the table of sign requirements for "Garage/yard sale signs."
 - 2. Borough Council should consider revising the parking ratio and formula in Section 1604.

Action:

Moved by Spayd, seconded by Kopko to recommend approval of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments with the three recommendations as discussed by the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

With no other business to consider, the Planning Commission adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on a motion offered by Kopko, seconded by Grey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney L. Horton, MPA

Planning & Zoning Director

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