

Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Michael Stanislaw at 7:30 PM. Planning Commission members present were Dr. Michael Parke, Ms. Loren Frasco, Mr. Robert Binkley, Mr. Richard Moxey, Mr. David Holewinski and Ms. Margaret Remmey. Also present was Mr. Sam Bryant. Not present were Mr. Karl Dieterichs and Mr. Richard Eggleston.

Minutes of September 19, 2017: Mr. Holewinski made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Frasco and was unanimously approved.

Appointment of New Vice-Chairperson: The current Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission is Mr. Dieterichs. Mr. Holewinski made a motion to appoint Ms. Frasco as Vice-Chairwoman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eggleston and was unanimously approved.

Introduction of Kent Baird as Planning Consultant: Mr. Stanislaw congratulated Mr. Kent Baird of Gilmore & Associates on being appointed as the new Planning Consultant. Mr. Baird will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to New Britain Borough and will invigorate the Borough. He also stated that Borough Council is very excited about Mr. Baird in anticipation of the work he is going to do for the Borough. Mr. Holewinski stated that Borough Council and the Planning Commission has only been “blown away” three times. The first was Mr. Michael Savona of Eastburn and Gray applying for the position of Borough Solicitor, the second was Mr. Bryant, applying for the position of Borough Manager and the third was Mr. Kent Baird.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan Update: Mr. Bryant stated he has been in touch with Bucks County Planning Commission and Mr. Evan Stone has been hired to replace Ms. Lynn Bush. He also stated he is working on getting the Comprehensive Plan updated materials from BCPC. Mr. Stanislaw stated that this will give the Planning Commission the opportunity to update the Borough’s Comprehensive Plan the right way.

Mr. Stanislaw stated a long term goal of the Borough is to have everyone hooked up to public water. He also stated the Planning Commission will need to focus on the details of goals and not just the goal.

Mr. Baird stated with authorization from Mr. Bryant, he can request an electronic version of the Comprehensive Plan from Bucks County Planning Commission.

Mr. Binkley inquired to Mr. Baird as to what is the importance of a Comprehensive Plan? Mr. Baird stated one of the purposes of a streamlined Comprehensive Plan is to look for more efficient ways to accomplish goals and to have only 4 or 5 major goals to focus on. He also stated that water and sewer is a very important part of a Comprehensive Plan and it tends to be put off. People do not realize the importance of it.

Review of Omnibus Zoning Ordinance Update: Mr. Stanislaw stated that all of the other items which have been reviewed and discussed such as lighting, etc. will be included in this Ordinance.

Mr. Hintenlang stated he is working with Mr. Bryant and Mr. Michael Peters on making revision to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Stanislaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moxey and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Carrie Gamble