

Wellsboro Planning Commission Meeting September 23, 2015

The Wellsboro Planning Commission met on September 23, 2015 in the Council meeting room at 14 Crafton Street Borough Office. Planning Commission Chairperson Ron Comstock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Ron Comstock, Kevin Connelly, Rudolf Scharf, Gus Vargas, Bill Yacovissi, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Secretary/Treasurer Susan Keck.

Visitors: Jennifer Mase-Updyke, Joan Hart

The minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting were accepted by motion of Kevin Connelly, seconded by Gus Vargas, and carried unanimously.

Current Business, Review and Comment on Zoning Ordinance: Daniel Strausser explained he would like to begin reviewing the zoning ordinance one section at a time and update sections to be more relevant to today. Article 2, 3, and 4 were provided prior to the meeting.

Discussion on re-defining districts and/or adding districts. Certain areas where sewer lines have been extended may be candidates for re-districting. Since the 2004 Ordinance was put into place, sewer lines have been extended out Bodine, Fischler, Kelsey, and Pearl Streets.

Another district could be added i.e. a Residential Estate District that would allow for larger lot sizes in certain areas that may now be in the Rural Residential District; for professional families who want larger, upscale homes.

A comprehensive survey of existing lots that don't fit the current ordinance i.e. Stratton lot on West avenue)

Due to upcoming holidays and the Grow/Chamber dinner, it was decided to have the next meeting in January and ask a guest speaker to attend and talk about Zoning goals and areas we need to focus on when reviewing an existing, and/or implementing a new, ordinance. We will consider inviting the Zoning Hearing board, Planning Commission, and WCDD members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


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