

MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Freid, Scott Pelava, Joe Kodada, Dave Dols, John Duban, and Ben Sticha

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Harold Vosejpka

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kodada called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

2. AGENDA

Kodada asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda.

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Freid to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, Duban, and Sticha; Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Duban to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2010 regular meeting. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, Duban, and Sticha; Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Building Permit Update Report

Baker presented the Planning Commission with an up-to-date building permit report. He said that the City has issued 10 single-family detached home permits and five more are pending. He mentioned that a total of 122 building permits have been issued through the

end of August 2010. He proved the Commissioners with an updated yearly building permit report (detailing building permit statistics for the last 10 years), a new home spreadsheet (listing home size, home value, and the home builder), along with a development map (mapping the location of recently constructed new homes). The Commissioners thanked Baker for providing them with a building permit update.

b. Review a Proposed Ordinance Amendment Regarding Prohibited Animals

Baker presented the Planning Commission with draft ordinance language for a proposed amendment to City Code §90.01. The new language was based on discussions and comments received from the Planning Commission members at their August meeting. The Commission suggested that more detailed ordinance language be added to Section 90.01 specifying prohibited farm yard animals. Baker said that the new language would specifically prohibit poultry and hooved animals within the city and require a conditional use permit for the keeping of honeybees. The Commissioners discussed potential conditions that would be required for honeybee hive permits such as increased setbacks, limiting the number of hives, and fencing. After reviewing the proposed ordinance language, the Commission agreed to hold a public hearing at their next meeting.

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Freid to schedule a public hearing for October 21, 2010 concerning a proposed ordinance amendment to City Code §90.01. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, Duban, and Sticha; Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Review Fencing Regulations

Baker provided a brief overview of the comments and suggestions made by the Commissioners at their August Planning Commission meeting. He also provided the Commission with a draft of the updated fence ordinance. The new ordinance language incorporated updates recommended by the Planning Commission, including different setbacks for low-maintenance fencing, clarifying language for pool fences, and specifying types of fencing not requiring a permit. The Commission went through and discussed the proposed ordinance, and they provided feedback to City staff. Pelava suggested that razor wire fencing not be allowed within city limits. Fried asked about placing fencing near unused alleyways. Overall, the Commissioners agreed with the proposed fence ordinance update. Baker said that he would continue working on the fence ordinance, and bring any revisions back to the Commission at their next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Baker provided the Commission with regulation information concerning ATVs and golf carts. He also updated the Commission on Park & Recreation Commission agenda items and projects.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Freid to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, Duban, and Sticha; Against: None. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner