

Minutes of Meeting
Perkasie Planning Commission
June 22, 2022

620 W. Chestnut Street
Perkasie, PA 18944

Attendance:

Planning Commission

Carolyn McCreary (Absent)
Barbara Faust
Heather Nunn (Absent)
Dale Schlegel
Maureen Knouse
Dan O'Connell
Mairi Schuler
Dave Weaver

Borough of Perkasie:

Debbie Sergeant, Code Enforcement Admin.
Judy Stern Goldstein, Borough Planner
Douglas Rossino, Borough Engineer
Brendan M. Callahan, Borough Solicitor

Barbara Faust called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and it was acknowledged there was a quorum and business before the Commission.

Public Forum

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Mairi Schuler, and seconded by Maureen Knouse, the Planning Commission meeting minutes of the May 11, 2022 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Parking Diet The Planning Commission was presented with a memo from Gilmore & Associates dated January 4, 2022 regarding recommendations for a "parking diet". The memo outlines the current off-street parking requirements established by the zoning ordinance and recommends new off-street parking requirements that more appropriately address the needs of the Borough. The Planning Commission had a lengthy discussion of the proposed parking requirements. Specific points discussed include: • Efficiency and one bedroom units (multi-family dwellings) – The proposed parking requirement recommended one parking space per unit. Members of the Planning Commission were concerned that such units might be occupied by two adults each with their own vehicle and the proposed number of spaces would not be adequate to meet demand. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to revise the parking requirement to 1.25 parking spaces per unit. • The Planning Commission reviewed the parking requirements for nonresidential uses. The proposed parking requirements for nonresidential uses have been revised to eliminate requirements based on number of employees or other intangible measures (seats, beds, etc.) which the Planning Commission agreed provided more clarity and would be enforceable. There was discussion regarding the minimum parking requirements for nonresidential uses and if the requirements would provide an appropriate number of spaces for each use. The group conducted hypothetical "tests" of the proposed parking requirements for several nonresidential uses and were satisfied that the proposed requirements were adequate. • D. Weaver brought up the current parking space dimensional The Planning Commission agreed that this would be an item for further discussion at a future date. The Planning

Commission made a recommendation to send the memo onto the Borough Council for review and discussion pending the revision to the parking requirement for efficiency and one bedroom units, and the addition of the parking requirements for a rowhome use (Use B-12), which were adopted as part the ZO amendment that created the rowhome use.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Adjournment

On a motion by Mairi Schuler, Seconded by Maureen Knouse, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Mairi Schuler - Secretary

