

MOSCOW BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2023

Joseph Fesolovich, Chairman called the April 24, 2023 Moscow Borough Planning Commission meeting to order held at the Moscow Borough Building at 7:00 pm. Announced the meeting is being recorded for the meeting minutes to be transcribed at a later date.

Roll call was taken the following members of the Planning Commission were present. Joseph Fesolovich, Marc Gaughan, Nichole Matewicz Arthur Pencek (Alternate) Judy Castrogiovanni and David Martin were not present for the meeting. Also in attendance Mary Liz Donato (Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development).

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes: Marc Gaughan made a motion to approve the January 30, 2023 for approval carried from last month's meeting and the March 27, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Joseph Fesolovich. The motion carried unanimously.

MarKoz Realty (Harmony Hills Phase III)

Letter dated April 19, 2023 from Jody Ferdyn updating the progress of the third phase of Harmony Hills III and requesting a 120-day extension for the project. The current 120-day extension expires June 24, 2023. Motion was made by Marc Gaughan to recommended and submit to Borough Council for approval. Motion was seconded by Nicole Musewicz. The motion carried unanimously.

Marc Gaughan asked George Parker , Zoning Officer if MarKoz has received approval from Lackawanna County Conservation District for the connection between Hideaway Drive and the pipe under the roadway. They have approval but do not have permission to put that in unless the Borough engineer is on site for review.

Zoning Officer Report – George Parker, Zoning Officer

Marc Gaughan asked about Reviewing properties to respond regarding to two (2) Right-to-Know requests for parcels at 112 and 116 Spring Garden St. George replied they are looking for any violations on these properties.

Marc Gaughan asked about on-site meeting with Atty. Mike Gallagher regarding proposed changes to property at Jct.N. Main and Van Brunt Streets. ("Slingshots Bar"). George stated that both "Slingshots Bar" and the former Powell Law Office Building have been purchased and new owner discussed plans he would like to do with the properties, including an outdoor bar area. Permits have been applied for and are being reviewed. Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is involved as well. George will update as progress is made.

Marc Gaughan commended and thanked George for his work with Dollar General and the exterior of the building that has made much improvements including shrubs, shade trees and grass that has been planted. George noted he will be meeting with them as to fencing around the recycling area.

George noted he is currently working with a potential renter for the building on corner of Main and Church Streets to open a yoga studio.

Pocono Management, LLC. (Moscow Family Dollar, 208 South Main Street)

Email dated April 19, 2023 was submitted from Brian Yeager regarding withdrawal letter of application requesting a variance from the Moscow Borough Zoning Hearing Board by Pocono Management LLC for informational purposes and review.

Mary Liz Donato, Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development suggests to have something in writing regarding the Land Development Plan as the condition is not met. Art Pencek stated he will contact Attorney Bruce Zero to discuss.

JBAR Realty, Inc. (RLE Enterprises) (North Main Street)

George Parker will contact JBAR Realty, Inc. (RLE Enterprises) regarding the tree planting update.

Joseph Fesolovich asked to update as to what is still need to open up the driveway on the side.

Dollar General (318 South Main Street)

Letter dated April 10, 2023 from the Lackawanna County Conservation District regarding Notice of Termination Approval Letter Moscow Dollar General for informational purposes and review.

Moscow Sewer Authority

Email dated April 20, 2023 correspondence regarding Moscow Sewer Authority Extension Project LSA Grant C000083204 for informational purposes and review.

Email dated April 21, 2023 from Amy Carlson on behalf of Arthur Pencek, Council President of signed letter for extension of LSA Grants C000065518 and C000071611 to James Kanavy, Moscow Sewer Authority for informational purposes and review.

Email dated April 21, 2023 from Allison Cramer, PA Department of Community and Economic Development regarding current balances of Moscow Sewer Authority LSA Grants for informational purposes and review.

Comprehensive Plan

Mary Liz Donato stated she will be at the Council of Governments meeting on July 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm to present a cost estimate for the Regional Comprehensive Plan which will include eight municipalities.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Marc Gaughan to adjourn the meeting and motion was seconded by Nicole Musewicz. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by Amy Carlson