

MOSCOW BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 31, 2023

Joseph Fesolovich, Chairman called the July 31 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, Judy Castrogiovanni, Nichole Musewicz, and Arthur Pencek (Alternate) David Martin was not present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes Marc Gaughan made a motion to approve the May 31, 2023 meeting minutes There were not any minutes from June 26, 2023 as the meeting was cancelled due to lack of topic content. The motion was seconded by Judy Castrogiovanni. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Inquiry

Resident Maria Lucarine was a line item on the agenda to be in attendance regarding use of property at R149 Market Street. Joe Fesolovich on behalf of George Parker said there was still discussion needed on the topic and it and advised she did not need to attend the meeting at this time.

Streets/Council of Governments & Engineers Report - Marc Gaughan

Update from COG Meeting that was held on July 12, 2023 regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Marc Gaughan recapped the North Pocono Council of Governments Meeting that was held on July 12, 2023 regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Moving forward, he stated pricing came in very reasonable. All members in attendance were going to take back to their respective areas to further discuss with their municipalities. Moscow Borough Council members Art Pencek, Marc Gaughan, Paula Bechaver and also Mayor Rosemarie Warner were in attendance.

Marc Gaughan stated 148 Market Street is unsightly and has some safety concerns. George was not at this Planning Commission Meeting but is aware and will be addressing the issue.

Email dated July 21, 2023 from Robert Bochicchio, P.E., DBIA regarding Moscow Borough Inspections on two projects. Inspector was out at Hideaway Drive which inspectors state was acceptable.

Nicole Musewicz had concerns about tree damage for recent storms in Harmony Hills. She will forward her information to the business office which will be forwarded to Dan Schilling on the Shade Tree Commission.

Zoning Officer Report – George Parker, Zoning Officer

Monthly Report for July 2023 was provided for informational purposes and review

Joe Fesolovich brought up a discussion on 230717 in which George called Paul Demuth, P.O. Box 193, Moscow PA, regarding 14 Ac.Parcel (listed as Maple Lake Rd).(PIN 198.06-010-005) (DB 819 pg 229). Asked him about tending to the removal of two (2) "junk" vehicles (trailer and a small passenger bus) from the rear of the property. He basically won't discuss the matter.

Discussion was had on 230719 Drive by inspection of unkempt residential property at 822 Church St. (Reese – Demuth). Condition the same or worse. George Parker took current photograph of front view as requested by borough solicitor Atty Bruce Zero and has turned over to him for pending magistrate hearing.

Discussion on Revisited Ms. Stoekel's property at 513 N Main St. She did have a contractor there this past week who did an excellent complete cleanup of the property. Cleared junk, cut grass trimmed trees and bushes and hauled everything away.

Moscow Sewer Authority

Email dated July 13, 2023 from Mary Lou Butler, PE, Engineering Surveying Consultants & Design, Inc. regarding Harmony Hills Part 3-GP-5 & GP-7 Sanitary Sewer Stream Crossing Moscow Sewer Authority letter of recommendation was provided for informational purposes and review

MarKoz Realty (Harmony Hills Phase III)

Discussion was had regarding not considering extending another 120-day extension for MarKoz for the Harmony Hills III project unless they submit an updated plan. To date they have not submitted an updated plan.

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

Marc Gaughan stated that plans for the addition and modification have been dropped they are within their rights to open a store. The store is now being worked on. Pocono Management, LLC. (Moscow Family Dollar, currently do not need any Planning or Zoning permits currently to date.

Joe Fesolovich asked if this hold true for the new business going in by DeNaples Veterinary on Main Street. Marc Gaughan stated that they did not have to go to the planning commission for anything on the new business to date.

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

Judy Castrogiovanni brought up topic for discussion on George Parker's June 2023 zoning report 230623 of his on-site meeting with Jack Kruger, from RLE to discuss planting of trees along westernmost property line of equipment storage yard at N Main and Hideaway Drive. He requested he have a surveyor mark the line to indicate where the trees are to be planted and to enable us to decide if there is any problem with the terrain. George was not in attendance for this Planning Commission meeting but is working on updates.

Dollar General (318 South Main Street)

Marc Gaughan stated that he was on site in the store and said there have been improvements made. He also stated that Madisonville Township is potentially going to petition to have a Dollar General put in the Township.

Adjournment

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

Minutes transcribed and submitted by Amy Carlson