

**MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2020**

ATTENDANCE:

Planning Commission Members: Vice Chairman Brad McClimans, Secretary Tim DeWire, Christine Dixon and John Elwell.

Absent: Chairman Bruce Smith and Harry Baker.

Borough Council: Council Liaison, Scott Pellman.

Borough Staff: Engineer Greg Rogalski; Administrative Assistant Sara Martin.

Cumberland County Planning Department: Absent.

Applicants: Todd Smith, ELA; Dick Castner, Mechanicsburg Area School District.

Press: None.

Others: Mark Stoner.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman McClimans called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman McClimans led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

C. REORGANIZATION:

None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

E. GUESTS:

None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):

November 25, 2019 –Regular Meeting.

- Elwell made a motion to approve the minutes. Dixon seconded, and the minutes were approved with all in favor.

G. CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES (INFORMATION): Committees/Boards/Commissions Updates.

- a. **Cumberland County Planning Commission.** Admin. Assist. Martin reported that the County will be holding a Planning Commission University Course for those interested and that the East Region Outreach Meeting will be held February 26th at 11:30AM at the Middlesex Township Building and all Planning Commission members are encouraged to attend.
- b. **Historic Architectural Review Board.** No report.
- c. **Environmental Advisory Council/Shade Tree Commission.** Admin. Assist. Martin reported that the EAC reviewed the plans for Northside Elementary School and their comments are provided at everyone's place.

H. PLANS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

1. Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – Northside Elementary School – 411 North Walnut Street.

Todd Smith of ELA gave a brief overview of the project which will be increasing the building size by approximately 20,000 sq. ft as well as adding both regular permanent parking spaces and temporary/event parking with the potential to expand the permanent parking in the future if necessary. Smith elaborated that the front drive will continue to be one way in and one way out, but it will be extended down Schoolside Drive toward the soccer field to allow for more parking spaces in the front lot. The Walnut Street exit to the drive will stay in the same location but be widened. Smith noted that they received comments from the County and Pennoni all of which he feels can be addressed with no major issue. Engineer Rogalski noted that the waivers the applicant is requesting are the same as those they requested on their Kindergarten Academy project. Elwell asked about the infiltration basin in the front of the school and the potential for draining it elsewhere if it doesn't infiltrate within 24 hours. Smith stated that ELA will start addressing these comments and provide review comments back to the Borough. DeWire asked if they plan to

return with those at next month's meeting, Smith assured he did. DeWire motioned to table the plan pending satisfaction of the Engineer and County comments. Dixon seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

I. OLD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- 1. Application for Appointment: Mark Stoner.** – McClimans asked Mark Stoner if he had anything to add to his written application. Stoner stated that he previously worked for the Highway Department which gives him knowledge of Borough streets as well as the infrastructure under them. Stoner noted that he was born and raised in Mechanicsburg he also sat on the Planning Commission as Borough Council Liaison for the last six years which he feels taught him a lot. DeWire asked if this application was in response to a vacancy. Stoner stated it was. DeWire asked how many vacancies there are. Stoner and staff confirmed just the one vacancy. Dixon made a motion to recommend to Borough Council that Mark Stoner be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the balance of the term vacated through 2020. DeWire seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

K. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

DeWire stated that motorists should yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Councilman Pellman introduced himself as the new Borough Council Liaison and explained that he was the Liaison to the Planning Commission six years ago.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to be discussed, DeWire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Elwell seconded the motion. The motion passed with all voting in favor.