



**BUILDING, ZONING, & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Chairperson L. Durkin called the meeting to order.

**Attendance**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson L. Durkin, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor T. Danilak and Councilor M. Marlowe.
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor K. Farrell, Borough Manager G. Locke, Planning Commission Chairmen J. Rose and Director of Finance B. Lucy.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Featured Items for Discussion**

- **2035 Comprehensive Plan Update** – Chairperson L. Durkin wanted to highlight the Comprehensive Plan Public Session at Jenkintown School District. Parking in particular was a huge topic of discussion. Chairperson L. Durkin reminded that the Steering Committee meetings for the comprehensive plan are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month.
- **Short and long term plans for parking solutions** - Chairperson L. Durkin wanted to talk about the parking problems in Jenkintown Borough. It was noted that the Surface lot that was in planning on the corner of York Road and Summit Avenue has been put on hold due to the building not being allowed to be demolished by the lender. Chairperson L. Durkin also reached out to the County Planning Consultants to help with the long term & short term parking solutions. They will continue to look for grant opportunities, but there is not a grant opportunity at this moment.

**Items for Information**

- **Jenkintown Planning Commission Report** – Chairperson L. Durkin reported that the Planning Commission met earlier in the evening and discussed the Land Development Application for 101 York Road. This discussion continues on the Land Development of Glanzmann's property. Chairperson L. Durkin stated the meeting was very productive. Development of the site was discussed, such as moving the building towards York Road which would eliminate the driveway in front of the building and allowing the building to be like the rest on York Road. However, it is believed that to move this building a variance will be needed and the property owner would like to avoid a variance at all cost. Also the gateway sign was discussed. Chairperson L. Durkin believes that this sign is to look like the one on Greenwood Avenue and Summit Avenue.

- **2015 Paving Project** – Chairperson L. Durkin stated there are about 23 properties that have not complied with the curb and sidewalk repairs yet. A good number of them however have already scheduled a contractor and will hopefully have the work completed before the 60 day deadline is up.
- **2016 Paving Project** – Chairperson L. Durkin confirmed that all of the preliminary letters have gone out. Chairperson L. Durkin asked Borough Manager G. Locke to look at the homes on West Avenue between Walnut Street and Leedom Street as well as Greenwood Avenue from Walnut Street to York Road and evaluate the sidewalk and curb since the road was recently paved.
- **EAC – Proposed Change to the Borough Light Ordinance** – Chairperson L. Durkin stated that the EAC would like to look to change the light ordinance to allow for a better habitat for the bats. The EAC was not in attendance to discuss this in further detail. The Committee believes that turning off the lights would create a public safety hazard.

### Ongoing Items

- **101 York Road Land Development** - Discussed during the Planning Commission Report.
- **148 Walnut Street** – No new updates. Borough Manager G. Locke did want to inform the Committee that he is following up with this homeowner on the repairs that need to be completed. Once more information is received, he will relay them to the Committee.
- **Lindy Recyclable Dumpster** – Chairperson L. Durkin stated that the Borough is still waiting for a rendition of the plan.
- **Septa Train Station Update** – Planning Commission Chairman J. Rose stated that the roofing is coming along nicely. They have also been painting the underside of the roof. Borough Manager G. Locke will have the building inspector stop out on site to receive a progress update.
- **2016 Fee Schedule Proposed Changes** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that there wasn't many changes to the proposed fee schedule. The only change he had was to the Zoning Hearing Board fees. Borough Manager G. Locke would like to change the residential cost from \$750 to \$1,000 and the commercial cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500. These are to help with the fees of advertisement, the posting of the property, the mailings, and so forth. Borough Manager G. Locke also wanted Committee to look into a different way to bill commercial properties for solid waste. No changes for solid waste were recommended at this time.
- **Flood Plain Ordinance** - Planning Commission Chairman J. Rose stated that the County Planning Commission appeared before the Jenkintown Planning Commission tonight to discuss the Flood Plain Ordinance. Planning Commission Chairmen J. Rose stated that the flood plain map will be getting updated by the County and the Borough has a few residents that will be affected by the changes. The Planning Commission will be meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> to make the recommendation for the December 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Councilor M. Golden, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.