

**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual ZOOM Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

Attending: Phil Zimmerman, Peter Van Do, Eric Horowitz (arrived late), Lucinda Bartley  
Not present: Jon McCandlish

Also attending: George Locke, Maureen Lucak, Claire Warner, Joanne Bruno, and Anthony McAlister, among others from the public on Zoom and livestreamed on Facebook.

Aforementioned names may be referred to by initials in the following.

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.**

Phil Zimmerman chaired in the absence of JM and late arrival of EH. PZ made a request for public comments. None were presented.

**Reports/Actions**

- J.B.P.C. Meeting Minutes Approval – Secretary, Eric Horowitz. Minutes for March were previously distributed via email. Approval was tabled to the next JBPC meeting to be held in May.

**New Business / Business for Discussion**

- 459/471 Old York Road LLC – SALDO reviews have been completed and will be distributed. Applicants intend to appear at the May Planning Commission meeting.

**Ongoing Business**

- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) - Historical marker program.

PV reported on progress on the Historical Marker application. Sources of research on Horace Trumbauer and excerpts were shared from four secondary sources, including Michael Kathren's *American Splendor*, Frederick Platt's article, Rachel Hildebrandt's paper, and a brief bio from the Old York Road Historical Society. Final submission for the historical marker was due April 1, 2025; updates were made and shared as required. PVD noted minimal feedback from the Pennsylvania Historical Marker Program, interpreting it as a positive sign; a decision is expected by October 2025.

- Bike and Pedestrian Safety (Sub-Committee update).  
No updates were reported.

- Jenkintown 2035 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Audit – MC Planner  
Claire Warner from Montgomery County Planning Commission reported the 2035 Jenkintown Comprehensive Plan implementation audit is complete, and hard copies were delivered to the borough. Digital copies were shared, and the borough will post it online. Discussion emphasized reviewing the Comprehensive Plan to ensure accountability. CW offered to review specific sections of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan if the Planning Commission identifies priority areas;

she also proposed creating a summary memo for discussion at the next meeting. The Planning Commission reaffirmed its role in guiding implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, emphasizing the four focus areas: Neighborhood Preservation, Economic Development, Sustainability, and Transportation. There was some discussion that while the Planning Commission may lead, successful implementation requires broader engagement across borough commissions and committees.

CW offered examples of possible focus areas like pedestrian and bike improvements, and multi-municipal planning opportunities. The group agreed that summer could be used to review the comp plan in more depth and identify priority projects, especially with fewer active planning applications. EH shared that the Bike and Pedestrian Safety subcommittee hasn't met due to scheduling difficulties; he invited interested Planning Commission members to get involved. GL confirmed that interviews are being scheduled for four potential new Planning Commission members.

- MONTCO 2040 Implementation Grant Application  
(Pedestrian, Vehicular Safety Improvements)

George Locke reported the MONTCO 2040 Implementation Grant application was submitted and is awaiting a decision.

- Approved Plant List – (update) No updates were available for the approved plant list.
- 181-141 Off-Premises Signs Ordinance (Tabled – ongoing discussion) The off-premises signs ordinance remains tabled.

### **Other Business**

The 459–471 Old York Road item is expected to be addressed in next month's meeting.

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 7:20.