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**MILLHEIM BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Tom Strebel, at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Dennis Bressler, David Sprowls, Tom Strebel, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, David Grazier and Ward Ostronecki.

A motion was made by Linn Auman and seconded by Dennis Bressler to approve the August 24, 2010 minutes as presented. Motion carried. (No meetings were held in September, October, November or December.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Sharon Heckman reported that Bridget Stubbs questioned why the alley beside her property on East Main Street hasn't been plowed (this alley on Borough maps is referred to as Public Alley #2 and is directly across Rt. 45 from Public Alley #1 that connects Rt. 45 to Park Road). Ms. Stubbs, after being told that this alley is not maintained by the Borough because it isn't listed in the Code of Ordinances as an ordained street, requested that the Borough ordain it. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the group was that there is no need to ordain this alley because it cannot meet Liquid Fuel standards so no funds would be available to help with the maintenance and isn't really necessary.

At this time, no further information is available on a water/sewer authority. Mrs. Heckman will contact Mr. Jacobs at the Centre County Planning Office for an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Glenn Ripka reported that the large rocks from the geothermal well field will be taken to the water plant to block four-wheeler access to the area. Mrs. Heckman reported that the Solicitor sent an email explaining that Trespassing is an offense regulated by State Statute and enforced by the State Police. Therefore fines are regulated by the state and the Borough cannot adopt an ordinance establishing fines for this offense.

Linn Auman explained that there are issues with people parking in front of the Borough and Library drop boxes in front of the building. After the new parking lot is completed, "No Parking" signs should be put in front of these drop boxes to eliminate this problem. Glenn Ripka recommended that, at the same time, consideration be given for the addition of a hitching post for the Amish horses. To avoid inconvenience to other people using the parking lot, the consensus of the group was to extend the area by twenty feet at the east end of the Phase 1 portion of the parking lot and then reserve two or three spaces during Phase 2 at the east end of the parking lot for the Amish horses. A metal hitching post will be concreted into the ground where the horses can be tied.

Mrs. Heckman will check with Todd Smith of the ELA Group to be sure the well casings from the geothermal project won't interfere when the parking lot is created as part of the Playground Project.

Mr. Ripka reported that Monte Shreckengast agreed to clean up the trees that were recently cut down at the Borough building. Mr. Ripka wanted clarification on how soon these trees needed to be removed. Mr. Auman explained that Council wanted it done as soon as he is able to get the wood.

The Borough needs a representative to fill the vacancy for the Ambulance Board. If anyone is interested, they should let Mrs. Heckman or someone on Council know.

The Planning Commission will reorganize at the February 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Linn Auman and seconded by David Sprowls to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Recording Secretary