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MILLHEIM BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

August 25, 2009

The regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Linn Auman, at 7:12 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, David Sprowls, Tom Strebel, Sharon Heckman and Glenn Ripka.

Absent: Dennis Bressler, Nicole Thompson and John R. Miller, III

A motion was made by Dave Sprowls and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter 15 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic; Part 3 - Sections #306 and #307 of the Millheim Borough Codified Ordinances was reviewed and discussed to see if they could be eliminated or rewritten. The following points were discussed for Section 306:

- The typographical error needs corrected – change “2:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.” to **“2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.”**
- Some alleys are wider than others. So if parking is going to be allowed on certain alleys a decision should be made as to how wide the alley must be for parking to be allowed.
- Paragraph #2 dealing with street sweeping needs to stay so Glenn Ripka can ticket violators when the street is posted for PennDot to sweep the streets.
- There isn't enough advance notice to publish street sweeping times in a local newspaper so the wording should be changed from “ published in a local newspaper **and** posted.....” to “..... published in a local newspaper **or** posted.....”.
- Consensus of group was to keep Paragraph 1 on the books with the correction of the typographical error and enforce it if there is a complaint.
- A “No Parking Here to Intersection” sign should be placed twenty feet (20') from the Rt. 445 cart way on Poplar Street behind the Elk Street Café.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Dave Sprowls to recommend the following to Council:

Correct Chapter 15; Section #306; Paragraph 1 from 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.;

Change Chapter 15; Section #306; Paragraph 2 to read “....to a schedule which will be published in a local newspaper **or** posted at prominent locations in the Borough;

Place a “No Parking Here to Intersection” sign on the North side of Poplar Street twenty feet (20') from the edge of the cart way on Rt. 445.

Chapter 15; Section #307 stays as written.

Motion carried.

Glenn Ripka raised a concern about Chapter 2 – Animals; Part 1 – Section 103 Keeping of Animals Regulated; Paragraph 2. He explained that a problem has occurred in Miles Township because a property owner is raising forty (40) chickens in town. Mr. Ripka explained that there are some properties in Millheim Borough that are large enough for this to happen also. After some discussion, a motion was made by Dave Sprowls and seconded by Tom Strebel to recommend to Council that Chapter 2 – Animals; Part 1 – Section 103 Paragraph 2 should be amended to add the following: **“No more than six (6) small animals shall be kept confined.....”** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The next meeting will be September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. if necessary.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Dave Sprowls to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Recording Secretary