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MILLHEIM BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

January 22, 2008

The regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Linn Auman, at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Dennis Bressler, David Sprowls, Tom Strebel, Sharon Heckman, John R. Miller, III and Robert Jacobs.

Absent: Nicole Thompson

A motion was made by Dave Sprowls and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Fee-In-Lieu-Of Ordinance was discussed. Tom Strebel explained that opinions from everyone had been heard at previous meetings and he asked Linn Auman what his thoughts were on the subject. Mr. Auman explained that at this time he is in favor of abolishing the existing Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance but that he is not in favor of imposing a tax for parks or playgrounds. As this opinion agrees with the consensus of the group from the previous meetings, the Solicitor explained that action should be taken to make this recommendation to Borough Council. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Denny Bressler to recommend to Borough Council that they repeal the existing Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance. Motion carried.

Sharon Heckman explained that the Solicitor has all the information but he is waiting for Curt Bierly to get the map that is to be attached to the Addendum to the Sidewalk Ordinance. Mrs. Heckman also reported this information to the Business Association at their meeting this morning.

Mrs. Heckman has heard nothing to date from PennDot on the Brake Retarder Ordinance. She explained that because the Borough uses the State Police for enforcement, PennDot prefers to place these signs with their cooperation.

The Solicitor explained that Miles Township is not working on the Rental Property Inspection Ordinance. He had given Miles Township a copy of Bellefonte's ordinance and he can provide a copy of this to Millheim Borough.

Mr. Auman explained that the group has decided to repeal the Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance. Robert Jacobs explained that he plans to propose a Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance be adopted at the County level and a sample was distributed. This ordinance could then be used by a municipality or waived by the municipality. This proposed ordinance would exempt from one to seven units and the municipality would establish their own fees. Mr. Jacobs explained that the fee would be collected by the Borough and could be used for an existing park within the Borough because the Borough limits are so confined that the distance is reasonable for all residents. Mr. Jacobs will make this proposal to the County Commissioners next month.

While Mr. Jacobs was present, a brief discussion occurred on the need to complete an official road map to go with the zoning ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Preliminary copy of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map received from FEMA was reviewed for necessary changes. The only things that can be changed are street names, bridges, corporate limits and stream names. Letters of map changes already approved will automatically be reviewed by FEMA for approval again. All changes must be returned to FEMA in thirty days. Water Street and some other streets need to be added to the map. This map will be in the Borough Office for thirty days so people can review and add changes in red ink.

A motion was made by Denny Bressler and seconded by Tom Strebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Recording Secretary