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MILLHEIM BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

June 23, 2009

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

A motion was made by Linn Auman and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No action was taken on the request to change Park Street and Maple Street to one-way streets because Daryl Martin did not respond to the letter requesting more information on this request.

A brush pick-up policy was discussed. Sharon Heckman explained that the contact at the State College Borough was unable to find a written policy or ordinance dealing with their brush pick-up program. Their procedure is as follows:

- The resident calls the office to request the pick-up.
- The office personnel fill out a card that is given to the crew picking up the brush.
- They collect every Wednesday except if there is a holiday, and then there is no collection.
- They chip up to twenty (20) minutes free. After twenty minutes, \$1.10 will be charged per minute with a \$35.00 minimum charge.

Discussion of State College procedures included review of a sample of the card they use and the consensus was that with modifications Millheim could use the same format. The changes to be made to the card are:

- Change Bulk Item Collection to Brush Collection
- Remove the ARTICLE(S) TO BE TAKEN section from the front of the sample card.
- Remove the first three items on the back side of the sample card.
- Change the name from Borough of State College to Borough of Millheim

The group also agreed that notification for the need for a brush pick-up must be made to Glenn Ripka no later than the Friday before the scheduled pick-up date, which is the first Monday of each month. A motion was made by Linn Auman and seconded by Tom Strebel to forward a copy of the corrected card to Council for their consideration and approval. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A copy of the letter received from David Keller of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission with his recommendations for the Race behind the Jim and Jennie Frees property was discussed. One of his recommendations is that the existing Borough "weed ordinance" be reviewed to ensure it is not too restrictive that it prohibits a vegetated buffer along water ways in the Borough as this would be counterproductive to Best Management Practices promoted across the Commonwealth. A sample of the Gregg Twp. Ordinance was reviewed because it includes verbiage that allows for riparian buffers. After some discussion, a motion was made by Linn Auman and seconded by Tom Strebel to forward to Council the recommendation to amend the ordinance for the addition to allow riparian buffers. Motion carried.

The issue of the closed Plum Street Bridge was discussed because Mr. Stefan has closed the alley from Plum Street to State Street claiming that this is a private alley. The suggestion that this may be just a paper alley was made. The consensus of the group was to have the deeds pulled and for the Solicitor to look into the status of this alley.

The next meeting will be July 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Dennis Bressler and seconded by Dave Sprowls to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Recording Secretary