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MILLHEIM BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

May 26, 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 April 28, 2009 meeting with the following correction:

Change the last bulleted sentence of New Business to "The tenant above the Post Office frequently uses one space to park his pick-up truck." From "The tenant above the Post Office always uses...". Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council approved the recommendation for the Post Office parking spaces.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request made by Daryl Martin and forwarded from Borough Council to change Park Street by Hair Repair one-way going out to Rt. 45 and Maple Street by the Donald Shawley residence one-way coming in from Rt. 45 was discussed. Concerns were raised about this setting a precedence that would open the way for other requests to make other alleys one-way. The consensus of the group was that prior to a traffic study being performed for use in making a decision Mr. Martin should prepare a letter explaining why he is making this request.

The need for a policy regulating Brush Pick-up was discussed. Some of the residents have had trees cut down by contractors but in an effort to save money the limbs have been left for the Borough to chip. The consensus of the group was that the intent of the brush-recycling program was for the clean up of small amounts of brush not for entire tree removal. They all agreed that contractors would need to do all removal and if a resident cut down a tree they would need to hire someone to remove the brush or rent a chipper. The group agreed that a contractor could put the brush chippings from Borough jobs on the Borough site if it is clean. Dave Sprowls will provide a copy of the State College Ordinance for review and discussion at the June 23, 2009 meeting.

The problem of the grass clippings being placed in plastic bags was also discussed. The consensus of the group was to have Todd Wasson look at the entrance to the recycling area to see if there would be an appropriate area to create a place for the residents to drop off the grass clippings. Then when the equipment is taken to the recycling area to turn the mulch pile, the grass clippings could be moved from this temporary site to the mulch area. The second site discussed as a possibility was the lot on Park Road where the building with the water company pumps are located but use of this property may require Lion's Club approval.

Mr. Sprowls raised a concern about the height of the chimney on the outdoor furnace at the Dr. Ewaskiwicz property. Glenn Ripka should look into this.

A motion was made by Linn Auman and seconded by Dennis Bressler to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Recording Secretary