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**MILLHEIM BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

May 27, 2008

The regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Linn Auman, at 7:09 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Dennis Bressler, David Sprowls, Tom Strebel, Sharon Heckman, Curt Bierly and Robert Jacobs.

Absent: Nicole Thompson

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Dennis Bressler to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried. (No meeting was held in April.)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Robert Jacobs, of the Centre County Planning Office, was present to discuss the Official Road Map Process. The following points were made:

1. This process allows municipalities to plan where they want roads and parks to be in the future and puts developers on notice that roads are intended to be placed in certain areas.
2. The new roads being proposed by the Planning Commission are reasonable.
3. As long as the map is official, no time limit needs to be set.
4. The map is just a graphic representation of where the Borough wants the roads. Prior to roads actually being built accurate surveying is done.
5. Each change to the Official Road Map is an Ordinance Amendment and would need to be advertised.
6. Simplicity of the Official Road Map is best. Streams and waterways should be shown on the map.
7. The Zoning Ordinance for the Agricultural area requires that development must follow existing roads and access would need to be obtained from property owners.
8. The required 45-day notice to Centre County begins when the Planning Commission forwards the Official Map to the Borough Council.

The consensus of the group is that everyone is satisfied with the process so far. Mr. Jacobs is to provide a rough draft for the June meeting.

Curt Bierly discussed the proposed Addendum to the Sidewalk Ordinance. He explained that with the Art Crete existing new concrete sidewalks could be brick-faced. This is done with a bonding process. The mortar look of the bricks is actually the concrete portion of the sidewalk. Mr. Bierly distributed a map with the proposed areas for the brick sidewalks and lighting to determine if everyone agrees with the proposed layout. He proposes to hold the narrow width throughout the downtown area for the brick only and the rest of the larger walk areas would be done in plain concrete with lighting added in these areas. Mr. Bierly has more work to do on the lighting areas. The existing handicap ramps would stay as they are. Mr. Bierly explained that the plan would be to have decorative lights on the street areas similar to the existing lights in Fountain Park. The existing high streetlights would remain but change them from sodium vapor lights and more decorative hanging type light fixtures. The yellow areas of the proposed layout would be more of an accent to downtown with a bench or a small tree in a pot in front of the light. Mr. Bierly is proposing a heating system be added in the sidewalk areas but it would be each property owner's responsibility if they want the heat system activated. PennDot's curbs would have nothing done to them except to clean them up some. He is planning to meet with Sue Hannigan from the Centre County Planning Office about possible funding that may be available. Mr. Bierly will have dimensions on the next map he provides. Linn Auman raised a concern about putting a concrete sidewalk at the entrance of the Fire House. He suggested that Mr. Bierly talk to the Firemen about this because the concrete would need to be six inches thick because of the heavy trucks.

PennDot is to do the study on a possible Brake Retarder Ordinance for the Borough.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The group discussed the need for an Ordinance to regulate the placement of Methadone Clinics within the Borough. The current zoning would only permit this in the Central Business District but Mr. Jacobs will review the definitions in the Regional Comprehensive Plan to see about the Meadows providing this service and forward the information to Mrs. Heckman.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by David Sprowls to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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Sharon A. Heckman, Recording Secretary