

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BOROUGH OF TRAPPE PLANNING COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Call to order - Acting Chairman M. Caffrey called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed.

Members present: J. Washelski, S. Kurcik, M. Caffrey, J. Rahm, and R. Swartley
Also present T. Liberi, representing Borough Council and R. Umstead, Secretary

The first order of business was to elect officers.

Motion to nominate M. Caffrey as Chairman

Moved: S. Kurcik Seconded: R. Swartley Nominations closed. Approved: 5- 0

Motion to nominate R. Swartley as Vice Chairman

Moved: S. Kurcik Seconded: J. Rahm Nominations closed. Approved: 5 – 0

The minutes of the September 20, 2016 Planning Commission were presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

Moved: S. Kurcik Seconded: R. Swartley Approved: 4 – 0

J. Washelski abstained as he was not in attendance.

An application has been submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board from PPG Stearly, LLC for the property located at 120 W. Main St. The applicant proposes to construct eight dwelling units (four buildings with two residence each). Four units will face Main St. and four units will face a private street which will intersect with First Ave. Through negotiations with Borough Council, the four units facing Main St. will be constructed with brick fronts. However, the applicant request a variance from the height requirement, the entrance will be from the rear with a garage on the first floor and living areas on the second and third floor.

A question and answer period followed between members of the Commission and the applicant.

The attic will not be finished and a staircase will not be installed to the attic. Brick will be used on the fronts of the properties fronting on Main St. and an upgraded siding will be on the other three walls. The rear units will not exceed the height restrictions and a variance for these four units is not needed.

Motion to recommend approval of the height variance for four units fronting on Main St.

Moved: R Swartley

Seconded: J. Rahm

Approved: 5 – 0

Medical Marijuana – A discussion ensued concerning this issue and the information that was presented at the February 20, 2017 Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission by Montgomery County Planner, Jamie Magaziner. A copy of the report is made a part of these minutes as though inserted in full at this place.

A brief discussion ensued concerning the road projects for the Borough for 2017 along with water line installation on Route 113 and Betcher Road.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM

Moved: J. Rahm

Seconded: R. Swartley

Approved: 5 – 0

Respectfully submitted

Robert T. Umstead,
Secretary