

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Burrell Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 2800 Bethel Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068. Present were Ray Rieser, Janet Ryan, Robert Liotta, and Ordinance Officer Michael G. Nedley. Absent were David Kristof, John Kamarados, and Public Safety Director Councilman Grillo.

REORGANIZATION:

Motion by Mr. Liotta, second by Mrs. Ryan to nominate Ray Rieser as Chairman of the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: approved.

Motion by Mr. Liotta, second by Mrs. Ryan to nominate David Kristof as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: approved.

Motion by Mr. Liotta, second by Mr. Rieser to nominate Janet Ryan as secretary of the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: approved.

MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Liotta, second by Mrs. Ryan to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed potential Ordinance # 1-2016 - An ordinance amending the planning and zoning code of the City of Lower Burrell permitting microbreweries, wineries, and microdistilleries in "C," commercial zones, in the City of Lower Burrell. Attached to the agenda were both a letter from George Guido, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board and the potential ordinance. Mr. Nedley explained the need for the change to the current ordinance and acknowledges that there is a need for a new ordinance. Currently, C-1 is a buffer between residential and commercial. It was discussed that obtaining a Special Exception would need Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board approval which could weed out sites that these businesses are not ideal for. This issue will be tabled so it can be researched more in depth. Mr. Rieser will draft a letter to be sent to all members of the Planning Commission and Mayor and Council. The issue is much more complex than it initially appears. The Planning Commission will actively look into this issue. Individually, each member will do their own research and come up with their thoughts which will be communicated through email.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Liotta, second by Mrs. Ryan to adjourn the meeting.

Raymond Rieser, Chairman
Janet Ryan, Secretary