



Planning Commission Meeting

Borough of Quakertown



May 12, 2016

In Council Chambers of Borough Hall

At 7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jon Roth – Chairman
Fred Tirjan – Vice Chairman
Cathy Gillahan – Secretary
Michele Scarborough
Philip Abramson

Michael Orzel
Ronald Heller
Michael
Haywood
William Kee

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Douglas Wilhelm, Building Code Officer
Katherine Aufiero - Recording Secretary

Two guess in attendance for requirements from the Juvenile Probation office.

<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISION / ROLL CALL</u>
PROCEEDINGS	<i>Meeting called to Order by Jon Roth at 7:00 pm</i>	
MINUTES	<i>Approval of April 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes</i>	<i>Ron Heller made the motion to approve the minutes and Mike Orzel seconded the motion. Also, have 2 abstentions – Phil Abramson & Bill Kee</i>

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<p><i>APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE (USE & OCCUPANCY UPON SALE OF PROPERTIES)</i></p>	<p>Doug Wilhelm <i>This ordinance is with all the corrected changes that we discussed and decided on at the April 21, 2016 Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>For those that were not in attendance of the last meeting, if this is approved at tonight's meeting it will be given to Mr. Chuck Fonzone, solicitor, for the legal end of the review. After Mr. Fonzone makes any legal verbiage changes and approves it, then be sent to council for approval.</i></p> <p>Michael Haywood <i>made the motion to approve the changes in the ordinance to forward to Mr. Chuck Fonzone, solicitor for his approval then to council.</i></p> <p>William Kee- <i>second the motion.</i></p> <p><i>Roll call issued.</i></p> <p><i>Unanimous agreement</i></p>	<p>Jon Roth Yes</p> <p>Fred Tirjan Yes</p> <p>Cathy Gillahan Yes</p> <p>Michael Orzel Yes</p> <p>William Kee Yes</p> <p>Michele Scarborough Yes</p> <p>Ron Heller Yes</p> <p>Michael Haywood Yes</p> <p>Phillip Abramson Yes</p>
<p><i>APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE (REGISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY)</i></p>	<p>Doug Wilhelm <i>The approval of this Ordinance will establish regulation to follow for all Mortgage holders of foreclosed or abandoned homes within the Borough. They will have to register the property by assigning a property manager to that property and be responsible for maintaining the property. Boarding up all the broken windows until replaced and making sure the building secured with locks. Water turned off, trash and debris removed with keeping the grass mowed and trimmed. The property manager will have to provide all of the contact information to the Borough to be sure they are keeping the property up to the standards. If not, the Borough can either site property manager, write up a citation and or put a lien against the property for the Borough having to go out and perform the property maintenance. Now the Borough has a way to recoup a portion of the money it puts out with taking care of these foreclosed or abandoned properties.</i></p>	

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<p>APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE (REGISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY)</p>	<p>Chairman Jon Roth <i>After having the foreclosed property across the street from where I live for over a year and half, I feel this is necessary for the Borough of Quakertown.</i></p> <p>Ron Heller <i>made the motion to approve this Ordinance and recommend approval by Council.</i></p> <p>Cathy Gillahan <i>second the motion.</i></p> <p><i>Roll call issued.</i></p> <p><i>Unanimous agreement</i></p>	<table> <tr><td>Jon Roth</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Fred Tirjan</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Cathy Gillahan</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Michael Orzel</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>William Kee</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Michele Scarborough</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Ron Heller</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Michael Haywood</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr><td>Phillip Abramson</td><td>Yes</td></tr> </table>	Jon Roth	Yes	Fred Tirjan	Yes	Cathy Gillahan	Yes	Michael Orzel	Yes	William Kee	Yes	Michele Scarborough	Yes	Ron Heller	Yes	Michael Haywood	Yes	Phillip Abramson	Yes
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<p>REVIEW OF APRIL 2016 CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT</p>	<p>Doug Wilhelm <i>pointed out that #2 on the report states that Walgreen and Rite Aid are no longer using that building. It is up for lease as of now.</i></p> <p><i>The rest of the progress report for April was reviewed with the following items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dunkin Donuts</i> <i>Haller Enterprises</i> <i>The Moose Bldg</i> <i>Richland Twp next to Wal-Mart and K-Mart</i> <i>The freight Bldg / Train Station</i> <i>Mom's Burger & Shake Joint</i> 																			
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Chairman Jon Roth made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Michele Scarborough second the motion</p>	<p><i>Next Meeting Scheduled for June 16, 2016.</i></p>																		

Recording Secretary: *Katherine Aufiero*