

February 27, 2024
Regular Meeting
7:00p.m.

STATEMENT:

PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Riverton Borough Planning Board in the following manner:

Public Notice of this meeting has been given in the following manner:

- 1) Posting written notice on the official bulletin board and the door of the Borough Hall on January 30, 2023.
- 2) Having written notice published in the Burlington County Times on February 2, 2023.
- 3) Forwarding written notice for informational purposes only to the Courier Post on January 30, 2023.

This Regular Meeting of the Riverton Borough Planning Board was held on the above date at 505A Howard Street.

Roll Call: Mayor Quinn, Mr. Ruggiano, Councilman Wilburn, Mr. Della Penna, Ms. Reis, Mr. Martin, Mr. Paszkiewicz, Mr. Flade, Mr. Aird, Mr. Brandt, Chairman Threston. Solicitor Koutsouris, Engineer Hanson and Planner Lennon were all present.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Ruggiano and seconded by Mr. DellaPenna to approve the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2024 Reorganization Meeting.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – None.

Motion made by Mr. Ruggiano and seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Mr. Aird and seconded by Mr. Ruggiano to approve Resolution 2024-#6 for 14 Broad Street LLC – 14 Broad Street.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – Quinn, Wilburn, DellaPenna, Brandt.

Motion made by Mr. DellaPenna and seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve Resolution 2024-#7 for Donnelly – 612 Thomas Avenue.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Levins and Megan Curcie were introduced by Chairman Threston as the new members of the Planning Board who would be appointed by Council at the upcoming meeting.

Chairman advised that the procedural rules circulated are the last document generated by the Board. The thought is to facilitate an opportunity to review and come back with changes and/or comments so that the Board can formally adopt updated rules.

Chairman discussed specific issue with the Master Plan that remain, advising that when Council approved the HPC, there is a hole in the Master Plan that would be filled by the ARC, which was ruled invalid, hence the formation of the HPC. The Master Plan, therefore, must be amended to reflect such change. Chairman asked Attorney as to process to update the Master Plan. A discussion ensued as to how to best address the discrepancy between the ARC and the HPC.

Motion made by Mr. Ruggiano and seconded by Mr. DellaPenna to request Council to allocate funds to update the Master Plan as required to address the changes.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Review Committee Update – Vice Chairman advised that there were two meetings held this past month and that several items were discussed.

Council Liaison Report – Councilman Wilburn advised that 6/9 is the Bike Race, Council passed the outdoor seating ordinance and is reviewing the DEP required tree ordinance. Chairman Threston questioned mailing about business registration that was received in mail. Mayor and Councilman advised that they would look into it. It was also noted that the Budget meeting is this Tuesday, 6 pm, at Borough Hall.

Environmental Commission Report – Mayor advised that lots of talk about grants, lots of talented members with grant writing skills set, spreadsheet with grant opportunities that will be reviewed by Borough to give approval for submission. Applied for \$100K for the park, with four options of projects.

Historic Preservation Review Commission Report – Mr. Flade advised that first meeting was held to organize the HPC. Mr. Wilburn advised that the HPC is looking for professionals. Mr. Ruggiano advised that he has met with the members of the HPC, noting that there were discrepancies regarding the process for demolition projects.

Minor Site Plans Report – Mr. Ruggiano advised that there are currently no applications.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman asked as to the process of reviewing correspondence. Secretary advised that she receives them in her box from staff but would have to speak with the Mayor about any alternate distribution.

Chairman asked about reviewing bills. Mayor advised that he can discuss with the Secretary and staff.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion made by Mr. Aird and seconded by Mr. Martin to open the public portion.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – None

Chris Kirk came forward and advised that he has an autistic daughter who wandered from the home. Mr. Kirk asked if he was allowed to put a fence in the front yard to contain his daughter. Chairman advised that Code does not generally allow. Mr. Kirk asked about signage. Chairman

advised that is the purview of Borough. Mr. Kirk advised that access to the water at the park is also a concern. Mr. Ruggiano suggested that Mr. Kirk send an email with picture so that he can properly review.

Motion made by Mr. DellaPenna and seconded by Mr. Martin to close the public portion.

Ayes – All members present.

Nays - None.

Abstentions – None

There being no further business to attend to, motion made by Mr. Martin and Mr. Brandt that the meeting be adjourned, and so declared by Chairman Threston.


Meghan Jack, Secretary