



Borough of Lansdale
Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee
Minutes
January 06, 2020 6:21 PM
Via Zoom Meeting
Chairperson: Rich DiGregorio

- **In Attendance:**

Rich DiGregorio -Chairman

Bill Henning

BJ Breish

Jason Van Dame, Building Code Official

Richard Lesniak, Fire Marshal Emergency Management Coordinator

Mr. DiGregorio called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mr. Henning made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 02, 2020. Mr. Breish seconded the motion. Decision unanimous 3 to 0.

- **Committee Business Items:**

- **Ordinance to permit a Commercial Inspection Program:**

- Ordinance uploaded to Dropbox for Committee members to review. At the December meeting Borough Council approved the Ordinance to be prepared and advertised.

- Discussion this evening addressed the amendments which are specific to signage. Language addresses the material a placard is to be made of, floor and roof trusses and solar panels.

- There was no public comment this evening.

- Mr. Breish made a motion that the Lansdale Borough Council adopt a Commercial Inspection program Mr. Henning seconded the motion. Decision unanimous 3 to 0.

- **Department Activity:**

- **Permits and New Business 2020:** Mr. Van Dame reviewed with the Code Committee that for 2020 the Department of Code Enforcement issued 1308 permits prior year 1049. Year to date this is an increase of almost 25 % and a \$33,500,00.00 construction value. Department contributes this to the new construction of Andale

Green; the Curb & Sidewalk Permits issued that correlate to the street improvement projects. The Department also had an increase in permits related to home improvements being completed for 2020.

The Department has cut back on the Apartment Inspection Program due to COVID-19, however if there are issues reported an inspection is implemented.

There has been an uptick in sales of properties and where there is an active apartment unit, once the sale is complete the Department of Code Enforcement does inspect the newly acquired units.

With COVID-19 the department has had plenty of activity especially dealing with trash complaints. New to Department this year was that a family was attempting to keep a White Tail Deer as a pet.

The Department is seeking to fill the position of a vacant Code Official inspector. The hope is that the Department will be back to full staff shortly.

There was no public comment this evening.

Planning Commission Report:

The Planning Commission did not meet in December.

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting:

The Zoning Hearing Board will hold a meeting 7:00PM January 19, 2021 regarding Wireless Antenna atop the new water tower at 613 Frederick Rd. Applicants will be seeking relief for the height of the antennas.

Old Business:

Online Permitting: Update

As reported previously Tyler Technologies had a security breach. Until our IT Department felt comfortable with the safety measures this was on hold. Currently IT is working with a vendor to test a sample of the required contact module and will expand as they feel comfortable. Once they are able to add the Code department information to the module, we will be able to begin testing the web based portal. A timeline for this has not yet been provided.

New Business:

Knapp Elementary: Mr. DiGregorio has requested that the Fire Marshal and Code Officials stop out at Knapp Road and inspect. Mr. Van Dame and Mr. Lesniak will be out at the site tomorrow.

Resident Carole Farrell expressed concern over the full retention basins and possible lack of fencing at the school. Mr. Van Dame will review this at his visit.

- **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM. The next meeting of the Lansdale Borough Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee is scheduled for February 03, 2021 via a Zoom Meeting. Details for meeting time and log in please check the website: www.lansdale.org.

Respectfully,
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Recording Secretary

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