



Borough of Lansdale  
Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee  
Minutes  
July 7, 2021, 6:30 PM  
Chairperson: Rich DiGregorio

- **In Attendance:**  
Rich DiGregorio  
Bill Henning  
BJ Breish  
Jason Van Dame, Building Code Official  
Greg Rapp, Superintendent

Mr. DiGregorio called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Henning made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 02, 2021. Mr. Breish seconded the motion. Decision unanimous *3 to 0*.

- **Committee Business Items:**

- 125 S Chestnut St – Right of Way Agreement:**

- Property owner Mr. John Rombach owner of 125 S Chesnut St. present this evening seeking a recommendation for a Right of Way Agreement. Resident proposes to add a deck to the rear of his property and the deck would extend approximately 7 feet into the Borough Easement. Review with staff, Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor the property owner is aware any access is at the owner's expense.

- Mr. Henning made a motion recommending Lansdale Borough Council grant the approval of a Right of Way Easement Agreement for the property at 125 S. Chestnut St., Mr. Breish seconded the motion. Decision unanimous *3 to 0*.

- There was no public comment this evening.

- 809, 811 and 819 Columbia Ave – Right of Way Agreement:**

- Site improvements and road construction along Columbia Ave., the property owners have requested 5 Sycamore Trees remain. Property owners by way of this agreement will be responsible to take care of the trees and not hold the Borough liable. Review with staff, Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor a recommendation is needed out of Code Committee to move the Right of Way Agreements for the above-mentioned properties to full Council for approval.

Mr. Breish made a motion that the Right of Way Agreement be granted for the properties at 809, 811 and 813 Columbia Ave. Mr. Henning seconded the motion. Decision unanimous *3 to 0*.

There was no public comment this evening.

- **Department Activity:**

The Department for the month of June received 96 applications and issued 116 permits. Department continues to be active with a heavy workload. The Apartment Inspection program has started up again.

Code Concerns for the Warmer Months:

- High grass and weeds that grow up through sidewalk cracks.
- Shrubs along walkways should be trimmed and overhanging branches trimmed.

- **Planning Commission Report:**

**Waiver of Land Development – 652 W. Ninth St.:**

Superintendent Mr. Rapp was present this evening to discuss the structure to be added to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project involves the conversion of a chlorine tank into an Ultraviolet Light Tank and a pole barn will be built over the new equipment. In an effort to be fully transparent the project was presented to the planning commission for review. The planning commission had no concerns and recommended the approval of the waiver of the land development process.

Mr. Breish made the motion to recommend that Borough Council grant a Waiver of Land Development for the project at 652 W. Ninth St. Mr. Henning seconded the motion. Decision unanimous *3 to 0*.

- **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting:**

The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting took place on June 15 at 7:00 PM.

- **501 N. Cannon Ave.** applicant has requested a continuance is expected to attend the July Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.
- **106 Knapp Rd:** Property owner proposes an In-Law suite addition; applicant granted necessary relief for front yard setback.

- **Old Business:**

**Online Permitting: Update**

Staff will be testing Energov and going live on July 9<sup>th</sup>. We are awaiting the online permitting for testing, information regarding the credit card and the fee charged needs to be addressed.

- **New Business:**

The Homewood Suites is going up for Auction. The Borough has been in discussions regarding if the hotel could be converted to apartment units. The Borough is looking into the connectivity of the Liberty Bell Trail should this project occur.

- **Public Comment:**

All Firework concerns should be addressed to the police and residents should call 911.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next meeting of the Lansdale Borough Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee is scheduled for August 4, 2021. Details for meeting time and location please check the website: [www.lansdale.org](http://www.lansdale.org).

Respectfully,  
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