

The Washington Township Planning and Zoning Commission

13013 Welty Road, Waynesboro, PA 17268

Minutes

June 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Planning and Zoning Commission was held June 11, 2018, in the Township Meeting Room on Welty Road at 7:00 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Heefner, Brown, Damazo and Firme. The following people were also present: Township Manager Jeff Geesaman, Township Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway, Tim Cormany, and Twp. Solicitor John Lisko.

Chairman Heefner called the meeting to order.

There were no comments from the floor.

REZONING RZ18-001

Township Manager Geesaman explained the areas of the proposed rezoning involved in **RZ18-001**. He explained in detail what the current zoning for each area is currently and showed on a map what the zoning would look like if approved. Zoning Officer Ashway described some of the differences between the R-1 and R-2 Zone requirements.

The floor was opened for public comment on the matter.

Holly and Rod Carey – 22 Hillcrest Ave., Both indicated that their property was currently zoned as R-1 and were opposed to it being changed to commercial. They also expressed an interest in having a small alley near their home closed to public travel. Holly also asked for an explanation of the voting process.

Brittany Biser–Peloquin – 12487 Jackson Ave., Wanted to know what is being proposed off of Jackson Ave. that cannot be built in R-1. Also asked how the traffic will flow from new development. Also mentioned current traffic issues on Jackson Ave.

Erik Rowland – 12440 Jackson Ave., Is opposed to having Townhouses built in his back yard which may happen if rezoned to R-2. Was not what he was expecting when he bought his property.

Tim Plum (Schwab?) – 12383 North Welty Rd. Is opposed to the rezoning of R-2 behind his house. Did not anticipate townhouses when he bought his home. Also took issue with the rezoning notification process.

Robin Biser – 11656 Ironwood Dr., Asked how Storm Water Management in the area would work and what affect a more densely populated area would have on it. Also expressed concern for traffic in the area. Wanted to know how the rezoning had been submitted

Alicia Shemon – 12483 Jackson Ave., Does a rezoning change the type of people that can move in. Cited low income housing. Said she was not in favor or opposed. Just asking questions.

Jerzy Kornilow – 11616 Ironwood Dr., Asked what covenants or restrictions would apply to the newly established commercial property. Already have a lot of undeveloped/for sale commercial property in the area. Why swap residential for more commercial?

Brooks Biser – 12476 Jackson Ave., “I’m opposed”.

Comments from the floor were then closed.

Damazo made a motion to Not Recommend approval. He cited that the rezoning did not meet the Comprehensive plan and the negative public input. Firme seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous to Not Recommend for approval.

The minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting were approved on a Brown / Damazo motion. Vote was unanimous.

Miscellaneous:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by a Brown/Damazo motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Damazo, Secretary