

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 1996



Members present: Bill Bourne, Rich Furlong, Jane Greene, Norm Nepvue and George Robson. Members absent: Sam Guy

Guests: Ken Sweetser, Patrick McCulloch

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bill Bourne, Chairman.

The minutes of the April 2, 1996 meeting were approved with two misspelled words being corrected: Jane Greene and Caplan's.

Patrick McCulloch, co-owner of Caplan's is still interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission, and he attended this meeting to learn about how the Planning Commission functions.

Ken Sweetser, Zoning Administrator, attended this meeting to brief the Planning Commission on his attendance at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy on March 9, 1996. Each member received a detailed handout of what topics were presented during the training session.

It was mentioned by Bill Bourne that it was not necessary to mail the minutes to all Planning Commission members since we receive a copy to review at the next regular meeting. From now on, a copy will be mailed to just the chairperson.

The commission discussed the feasibility of applying to the State for a Planning Grant to be used for Downtown Revitalization/Growth Center. The letter of intent (LOI) deadline for Cycle I is June 24, 1996. This will be further discussed on May 13, 1996 in a joint meeting with LCPC.

At 8:20 p.m. the meeting entered into Executive Session.

At 8:30 p.m. the meeting terminated from Executive Session.

Appeals of DRB decisions are currently reviewed "De Nova". The commission discussed the feasibility of changing the process to "Review on the Record". After reviewing Ken's analysis of each method, it was determined that more details are needed of what occurs when a decision is not upheld by the appeals court. This issue will be further discussed at the first joint meeting of the Planning Commission/DRB.

The "Conflict of Interest Issue" was discussed. All members appear to understand what it means to be free of "Conflict of Interest".

The Planning Commission unanimously approved the nomination of Patrick McCulloch to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Debra Mason.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rich Furlong*

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