



Borough of Lansdale
Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee
Minutes
May 02 2018, 2018, 8:00 PM
Lansdale Borough Hall-Caucus Room
One Vine St., Lansdale, PA 19446
Chairperson: Jack Hansen

- **In Attendance:**

Jack Hansen-Chairman
Rich DiGregorio
Denton Burnell
John Ernst- Borough Manager
Andrew Krauss-Electric Superintendent
Patricia Chapman-Customer Service Manager
Nancy Shaw-Human Resource Manager
Chris Kunkel-Project Manager
Garry Herbert-Mayor
Dan Sokil-North Penn Reporter

The meeting was held at One Vine St., Lansdale, Pa. Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M. Mr. Burnell made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from the April 04, 2018. Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee meeting. Mr. DiGregorio seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

- **Committee Business Items:**

- **Discussion of Amendment to Prohibit Animal Ordinance to Allow for the Keeping of Chickens:**

At the request of the Lansdale Borough Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee, the Borough Solicitor has prepared an Ordinance for the raising and keeping of chickens in the Borough. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the proposed ordinance. Discussion this evening addressed how the proposed Zoning Ordinance would impact the community. Many concerns were raised including; lot size, how difficult the enforcement would be for the Code Enforcement Department to manage specifically odor, the potential concerns of predators and the potential allowance for slaughtering of chickens.

Residents also shared concerns for this ordinance. The primary purpose of this discussion began for allowance of pets. In the effort to serve the community

properly, review of a potential ordinance has many raised many concerns have along with the question of the enforceability of such ordinance.

Mr. Hansen requested of the Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee make a motion to move forward with Ordinance for Allowing Chickens in the Borough. Mr. Burnell and Mr. DiGregorio voted no. The Ordinance will not move forward.

Procedures for Ordering Properties Vacated or Declaring Uninhabitable:

Mr. Kunkel reviewed the procedures and the process for ordering premises to be vacant and or declared uninhabitable. Attached to this evenings minutes is copy of the outline discussed.

The Department of Code Enforcement works very closely with the Fire Marshal and the Police Department to handle the challenges and at times extreme situations that impact property and lives.

- **Department / Activity:**

- **Discussion of the April 2018 Department Statics:**

- For the month of April the permits overall are lower compared to 2017. The weather most likely has had a big effect on the submission of applications. Based on last year, an increase in permit activity is expected for the Department of Code Enforcement in the upcoming months.

Welcome to the Department of Code Enforcement our new hire Mr. Jason Van Dame. *Congratulations and welcome Jason!*

- **Planning Commission Report:**

- Planning Commission did not meet in April.

- **Old Business:**

- There was no old business to report on this evening.

- **New Business:**

- **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting May 21, 2018**

- The meeting has been cancelled for May.

- **Public Comment:**

Mrs. Nancy Frie advised there is a resident concern regarding the keeping of Bees in the Borough. The Department of Code Enforcement received the same complaint this afternoon and will work on addressing the concerns of the residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M. The next meeting of the Lansdale Borough Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 06, 2018 at 8:00 P.M. Meeting will be held at One Vine St., Lansdale PA.

Respectfully,
Maria Lohan
Recording Secretary

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