



Borough of Lansdale  
Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee  
Minutes  
August 07, 2019 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 - Absent  
Jason Van Dame, Building Code Official

The meeting was held at One Vine St., Lansdale, Pa. Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M. Mr. DiGregorio made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from the July 03, 2019. Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

- **Committee Business Items:**  
No items to report on this evening.
- **Department / Activity:**
  - **Discussion of the July Department Statics:**  
For the month of July 107 permit applications were received, and 120 permits processed. This is an 32% increase year to date.
  - The department continues to be extremely busy with excess vegetation complaints. Reminder that trees and shrubs, especially with all the rain, should be trimmed to clear walkways and sightlines. In addition to this recommendation, the department is requesting residence and business owner to clear vegetation that is growing up along curbs and in cracks in walkways.

**Recent Code Cases:**

- The department continues to receive police reports regarding violation in single family rentals. Garage apartments, basement dwellers and this month a call was received from North Penn Water Authority regarding an excessive amount of water

usage at a premise. Discussion this evening addressed that many single-family rental homes need maintenance and due to condition of some homes, there is the possibility this can depreciate the value of neighborhoods. Therefore, a process for inspection would be valuable.

Mr. Hansen has advised the department to investigate changing the Code and Mr. Van Dame will report back to the committee regarding a Single-Family Rental Program.

**Permits & New Business:**

- -Small Batch Kitchens located at 711 W Main St had there grand opening. Great local eatery and market for lunch and dinner.
- -Fee schedule is being reviewed by the Department. We are working to identify new fees and update some of the existing fees. The goal is to have this completed by January 2020.

- **Planning Commission Report:**

- The Planning Commission did not meet in the month of July.

- **Old Business:**

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- Continuing discussion regarding a revision to the Emergency Management Ordinance. Updates forthcoming.
- **Honeybees Update:** Staff has reached out to Master Beekeeper Dr. Vincent Alloyo and Meadow Sweet Apiaries. Dr Alloyo has agreed to travel to Lansdale. For this informational venue staff would like to request a time and location. Details forthcoming.

Attending this evenings meeting, Mr. and Mrs. George Balock of E. Hancock St. were present and offered to share their beekeeping information with the Borough of Lansdale. They shared personal background information, how they came about being beekeepers and answered many questions the residents and staff have regarding the keeping of honey bees. This visit was extremely helpful and very much appreciated.

The Department of Code Enforcement has created an informational internal contact list of local beekeepers in the event of a swarm. Mr. and Mrs. Balock are listed and can respond in the event this should occur.

- **New Business:**
  - **Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**
  - **700 Knapp Rd.,** - Applicant requests a special exception to allow a school in a Residential District, allow a front yard setback of 97 feet where 50 feet is the maximum required and the applicant is requesting a Changing Electronic Variable message sign (CEVMS) greater than 20 square feet.
  - **307 Derstine Ave** – Equitable owner is proposing to use the space for light industrial manufacturing.
  - **431 Church Rd** – Applicant is proposing a lot subdivision and requesting relief for the minimum lot width requirement.
  
- **Public Comment:**
  - Residents have requested the Borough of Lansdale research if it is possible to assess repercussions for those that allow clippings/leaves into the streets that ultimately wind up in our storm drains. Mr. Van Dame will research and report back to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM. The next meeting of the Lansdale Borough Code Enforcement and Land Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 04, 2019 at 8:00 P.M. Meeting will be held at One Vine St., Lansdale PA.

Respectfully,  
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Recording Secretary

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