

MINUTES
New Holland Borough Planning Commission
May 15, 2018

The New Holland Borough Planning Commission met on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman William H. Kassinger, Vice-Chairman Charles F. Kidhardt, and members William R. Seiple and Carl H. Hess. Member Donald W. Reed was absent. Also present were Borough Zoning Officer/Planning Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Administrative Secretary, Permit and Zoning Assistant Paula Walsh and Borough planning consultant Darrell Becker of ARRO Consulting.

Chairman Kassinger opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the previous meeting.

Bill Seiple made the motion that the Minutes of the previous meeting of February 20, 2018 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Charles Kidhardt and passed.

Chairman Kassinger then noted that tonight's only scheduled business is to continue the review of the updates and changes needed for the Zoning ordinance.

Consultant Becker then reviewed the draft changes made as discussed with the members at the last meeting. The areas drafted for further review this evening include the introductory statements and ordinance outline, the Residential zones' areas and the first updated drafts of the definitions updated, clarified or added so far. Under the RA District, he noted he still must complete the full wording involved with Continuing Care Retirement Communities; which had been addressed by Council a few years ago.

In the discussion, some minor typos and wording corrections needed were noted. The regulations on antennae in the residential districts still needs completing. In reviewing the initial updated draft of the definition section, he noted he removed those definitions no longer applicable, such as "Active Solar Systems", as well as clarifying or updating others as to continuing to move forward.

The members discussed the need to be clear in what is referred to as Tiny Houses or ECHO (Housing-Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity), regarding the appropriate regulations and definition. It was also identified that the allowance of in-law

quarters has to be clear as to reconverting back to a single-family dwelling as exists now; as well as the historical confusion with wooden or plastic shed sizes.

After brief further discussion, consultant Becker stated he would work on the additional questions and concerns for this evening, as well as move forward onto the commercial and manufacturing sections, and possibly the numerous other separate general or topic specific sections, for example signs and parking regulations for the Commission's July 17th meeting. If we do not get through it all that evening, the discussions can be continued as needed.

Chairman Kassinger thanked consultant Becker and noting that there is no public comment and the next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 6 p.m., adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

July 17, 2018
Date Approved