



**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11TH, 2017
1:00 PM**

Chairman Joel B. Day called the meeting of the New Philadelphia Planning Commission to order, on Tuesday, April 11th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the John Knisely Municipal Centre.

Chairman Day welcomed members of the commission and thanked them for attending.

Members in attendance: Ron McAbier, Joe McCartney, John Stratton, Jackie Triplett and Kelly Watson

Excused: Dick Bible, Don Kemp and Cheryl Ramos

Guests: Maureen Wenger, Mike Scolati, Dean Holland, Derek Leyda, Brian Myers, Erin Begue, Rob Edwards, Chad Conrad, Jeff Erb and Bill Weisgarber

Mayor Day introduced the newest member to the Commission, Joe McCartney and thanked him for accepting the appointment to the board.

1) Rob Edwards gave his updated presentation on his development of land off of Jefferson Street S.E. After he fielded several questions and with the Service Director's approval of the new design for the storm sewer system, John Stratton made a motion to accept the design plans as now presented and Kelly Watson seconded it. Motion was unanimously accepted.

2) Chad Conrad, Director of Advancement at Kent State Tuscarawas, addressed the members with regard to the Gateway Project proposed for East High Avenue. Chad informed members that the Board of Trustees of the Tuscarawas County University Foundation are the owners of all facilities and real estate and leases to Kent State University-Tuscarawas on a ten year basis. He cited the potential for economic development with the establishment of a coffee shop and small retail stores in addition to student housing/dormitories. The initial design for the gateway entrance, which is the primary concern at this stage, could be available by the end of summer. The ground breaking for the project would be sometime in 2018.

The commission discussed what type of zoning would be needed for the project. Thoughts of a new zoning "category" or a mixture of zoning codes for housing/retail were shared by the members.

Mr. Conrad described the housing to be apartment style for 75-100 students. He will return when he has obtained plans for the proposed project. No action was taken by commission members.

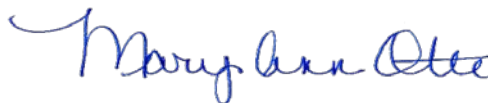
3) Erin Begue with W.E. Quicksall and Associates gave a presentation on the city's grant applications for land acquisition and improvement projects, which included dates for application and funding amounts. (handouts were distributed)

4) Mayor Day gave an update on the case filed by Susier Co., LLC with the 5th District Court of Appeals in regard to the city's denial of water and sewer being extended outside of the city's corporate limits.

Jackie Triplett made a motion to adjourn at 1:59 p.m. Joe McCartney seconded it. Meeting adjourned.



Chairman Joel B. Day



Secretary Mary Ann Otte