

DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

The Doylestown Borough Planning Commission meeting was held at Borough Hall at 7:00 pm on September 10, 2024. Members present were as follows:

James Lannon, Chairman
Heather Mahaley
Andy Happ
MaryAnn Baenninger
Nicholas Caramenico

Also present were Mike Roedig of the Bucks County Planning Commission, Doylestown Borough Council Members Bob Kinney and Dennis Livrone, and Doylestown Borough Director of Building and Zoning Karyn Hyland.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lannon called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Martin Corr.

MEETING MINUTES: The August 13, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as submitted (Lannon/Mahaley).

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Roedig provided three mostly finalized documents for three of the themes for the Comprehensive Plan. It was agreed that Mr. Roedig would give the remaining drafts by the October meetings.

The Commissioners debated various pros and cons of the drafts provided at the meeting, including some of the zoning definitions and the zoning map. The conversation centered around the reasons for giving specific examples of the properties within the Comprehensive Plan within the economic development and diversity theme. It was noted how all topics dovetail together and how each topic merges with the overall plan.

Another significant talking point centered around housing, ADUs, and affordability. It was agreed that wording within this section needs to be changed or updated to fully encompass the need for more affordable housing stock in the Borough (i.e., affordability changes to attainability).

Mr. Roedig wanted to discuss the potential for a roundabout at the intersection of S. Main Street and Ashland Street and whether the concept should be included in the Comprehensive Plan. It was noted that this intersection had been evaluated in the past for a roundabout and was deemed infeasible due to space and right-of-way limitations.

Updated drafts will be forthcoming. Pending any additional agenda items, the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2024. There will be another Comprehensive Plan meeting on October 8, 2024. The remaining drafts could be discussed at either of these meetings.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Under Old Business, regarding DART, Mr. Lannon will meet with members of the DART committee to discuss options for the Maplewood and Old Orchard neighborhoods in the DART service. Under New Business, the Planning Commission has been invited to the next EAC meeting on September 17 at 6:30 p.m. to view a presentation on the DCAP.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:46 pm in honor of Libby White.

Respectfully submitted,
Erika Fellman