MOUNT POCONO PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 7:06 P.M.

Chair M. Penn opened the meeting at 7:06 P.M. at the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Hall with the following members present: Vice Chair P. Bucco; Commissioners; H. Velasco and, D. Staples; Commissioner A.M. Harris via Google Meet. Also, present were; Solicitor H. C. Connor; Zoning Officer A. Wilkinson; and, Planning Commission Secretary J. Walker.

Absent: Commissioner R. Dorkoski; Borough Engineer C. Niclaus.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair P. Bucco moved to approve the regular Planning Commission minutes of October 27, 2021, as presented. Commissioner H. Velasco seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair P. Bucco moved to approve the regular Planning Commission minutes of November 17, 2021, as presented. Commissioner D. Staples seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Clarius - Land Development Plan/ Minor Subdivision Plan

Planning Commission acknowledged the time extension request from the Applicant.

Commissioner D. Staples moved to accept the time extension until February 24, 2022 or thirty days beyond the current ninety-day expiration date of January 25, 2022 for process the subdivision and land development plans for the Clarius project. Vice Chair P. Bucco seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bizio Land Development Plan

Per the suggestion from Solicitor H. C. Connor, Vice Chair P. Bucco moved to amend the agenda to include the Bizio Land Development Plan. Commissioner D. Staples seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair P. Bucco moved to table the Bizio Land Development Plan. Commissioner D. Staples seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Use - 39 Seneca Road - Short-Term Rental

After Zoning Officer A. Wilkinson explained that the Applicant is seeking approval of conditional use for the short-term rental at 39 Seneca Road. There was discussion on possible conditions.

Vice Chair P. Bucco moved to recommend to Borough Council the following conditions for the Conditional Use 39 Seneca Road Short-Term Rental: insert a bear box for the trash; erect a fencing in the backyard; a minimum 24-hour waiting period in between rentals to allow for proper cleaning; and, the Applicant must notify additional neighbors for the Conditional Use Hearing. Commissioner D. Staples seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

Zoning Officer A. Wilkinson gave an update on all the listed projects. She added an item regarding conversations she had with the new owner of 153 Sterling (old site of Malcolm's Hairdressing). He purchased that parcel, which is zoned C-1, but also purchased some of the adjoining lots, which are currently zoned R-1 since they back up to the Pine Hill

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residential development. Zoning Officer sent owner some basic information regarding pursuing re-zoning, nothing has been received to date.

LIAISON REPORTS

Borough Council - None

Zoning Hearing Board - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Borough Secretary J. Walker – noted that there is one vacancy and that he contacted both Commissioners R. Dorkoski and H. Velasco as their term ends on December 31, 2021 and asked if they would be interested on staying on the Board. Commissioner H. Velasco may be interested in being an Alternate Member. He also noted that he hasn't received a response from Commissioner R. Dorkoski.

None

There being no public participation and no further business coming before the Planning Commission, Vice Chair P. Bucco moved to adjourn at 8:11 P.M. Commissioner D. Staples seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Walker

Planning Commission Secretary