

Chapter 32

PLANNING COMMISSION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bechtelsville 5-3-1971 by Ord. No. 98. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 32-1. Authority and creation.

Pursuant to Section 201 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code of 1968 (Act 247 of 1968),¹ the Borough Council of the Borough of Bechtelsville hereby creates a Planning Commission consisting of five members to serve for the terms specified below in § 32-3, to provide for the orderly development of the Borough's land and facilities.

§ 32-2. Powers and duties.

The Planning Commission created herein shall, with the advice of the Borough Engineer and the Borough Solicitor, serve as the planning agency for the Borough of Bechtelsville and shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman and to create and fill such other offices, including a Commission Secretary, as it may determine. Any officers elected pursuant to this section shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves.
- B. To make and amend bylaws, rules, and regulations to govern its procedures, consistent with the ordinances of the Borough of Bechtelsville and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- C. Shall keep minutes comprising a full record of its business, and shall annually make a written report (by March 1 of each year) of its activities to the Borough Council of the Borough Bechtelsville.
- D. To make such interim written reports as may be necessary or useful, or as requested by the Borough Council.
- E. Shall promptly prepare a comprehensive plan for development of the Borough and present its recommendations for the consideration of the Borough Council. The comprehensive plan shall include at least the following elements:
 - (1) A statement of the objectives of the Borough of Bechtelsville concerning its future development as a community.

1. Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.

- (2) A plan for land use within the Borough, which may include the amount, intensity, and character of land use proposed for residence, industry, business, agriculture, public ground, and other areas of special interest.
- (3) A plan for community facilities and utilities, including recreation, municipal buildings, water supply, sewage disposal, storm drainage, streets, and other similar public facilities.
- (4) A statement indicating the relationship and cooperative efforts of the Borough and its proposed development with adjacent municipalities and areas.

F. Shall also:

- (1) Prepare a proposed official map and submit it to the Borough Council and periodically make recommendations to the Council on proposed changes in such map.
- (2) Prepare and present to the Council a zoning ordinance and make recommendations as to its adoption by Council, and periodically make recommendations to Council on proposed amendments to said zoning ordinance as set forth in Act 247.
- (3) Prepare and administer subdivision and land development regulations as set forth in Act 247.
- (4) Prepare and administer planned residential development regulations as set forth in Act 247.
- (5) Prepare and present to the Council a building code and make recommendations to Council as to its adoption and any subsequent proposed amendments thereto.
- (6) Hold public hearings and meetings as required by Act 247.

§ 32-3. Appointment and term.

All members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Borough Council and the term of each member of the Commission shall be for four years or until a successor is appointed and qualified, and the terms of the members first appointed to the Commission shall be fixed so that no more than two shall be reappointed or replaced during any future calendar year.