

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016**

The West Reading Planning Commission met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Borough Hall with the following persons present: Chair Philip Wert, Christopher Lincoln, Jennifer Bressler, Terry Siggins, Christin Kelley and Oswald Herbert. Maxine Goodwin was unable to attend.

**Visitors:** Rea Gehret, McCarthy Engineering and resident David Amato

Mr. Wert called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Narrow Fabrics Revised Final and Annexation Plan**

Rea Gehret stated that he is working on behalf of Fulton Bank, current owners of the unfinished townhouse development known as “The Villas” who wish to complete the project so the Borough can finally take dedication of the streets, infrastructure, etc. He noted that as part of the completion of the project, two punch list items remain as stipulated by the Borough’s engineer, SDE Inc. The outstanding items are the addition of speed signs and the removal of the silt sock that was part of the initial land development but is no longer necessary.

Mr. Gehret also provided plans that show an annexation of land for lots 19 through 28 Silk Drive which back onto the alley known as Chiffon Way. He noted that the garages built for those properties are currently encroaching onto the alley right-of-way and the recommended resolution is to change the alley width from 20’ to 18’. By doing so, the alley will still be sufficient in width but the portion of the garages that encroaches will be rectified and the existing property owners will acquire an additional two feet of land. He stated that the deed changes will be done in such a way that the two feet of land will be adjoined to the original deeded property so that one would not be able to be sold without the other. Property owners will be required to sign the ‘revised final and annexation plan’ and it was suggested that Borough Hall be utilized to accomplish this, given that there is a notary on site.

**Moved** by Mr. Lincoln and seconded by Mr. Herbert to recommend to Council the changes to the plan contingent upon the two outstanding punch list items being completed. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**General Code Codification Project**

Review of the document continued with the following changes were recommended:

**Part II – General Legislation**

CHAPTER	TITLE	DECISION	REASON
125	Advertising Matter, Distribution of	Replace with civil enforcement wording for penalty	Intention is to unify penalties throughout the document.

131	Air Pollution	No revision	Section is correct
136	Airport Zoning	Replace with civil enforcement wording for penalty	Section is correct, except to use unified penalty wording
140	Alarm Devices	Replace with 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 7511	Recommended by Codes but will discuss further with them; also change to unified penalty wording
144	Alcoholic Beverages Bottle Club - A. Hours  B. Penalties	Replace with 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 7328 No revision	Recommended by Codes
148	Amusements Article I A. Admission Fees  B. Penalty  Article II A. Coin Operated Games	Revise as noted  Revise with civil enforcement wording  Replace with civil enforcement wording	Need to establish fees and define 'amusements'  Add section for penalties  Change to unified penalty wording
152	Animals	Revise as noted	Per Codes, adopt permit fee and revise penalties
159	Bicycles	Revise as noted	See previous discussion per Chief
163	Blight	Revise as noted	Incorporate Act 171 language

At the advertised January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, review will begin with Chapter 180, Certificate of Use and Occupancy. Mrs. Madeira will be asked to attend.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman  
 Administrative Assistant