

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016**

The West Reading Planning Commission met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Borough Hall with the following persons present: Chair Philip Wert, Jennifer Bressler, Terry Siggins, Christopher Lincoln, Nicholas Imbesi, Christin Kelley and Oswald Herbert.

**Visitor:** Mark Woodward, West Reading Tavern

Mr. Wert called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**West Reading Tavern – Waiver Request**

Mr. Woodward spoke about his plans to open the area adjacent to the existing tavern (606 Penn Avenue) to create an outdoor dining area and garden. Part of the project will include the addition of a restroom at the rear of the building at 608 Penn Avenue to accommodate the seating for 40 people in the outside space.

There was some discussion concerning impervious coverage for the area in question. Mr. Woodward has requested a waiver for land development for this project. It was noted that the Borough Engineer is on vacation until June 13<sup>th</sup> therefore he will not be able to review the plans until that time. In order to allow the process to move forward, the Commission passed a motion concerning the waiver, contingent on Mr. Unger’s review and approval of the plan. **Moved** by Mr. Lincoln and seconded by Mr. Siggins to recommend to Council the granting of a waiver to Mark Woodward of West Reading Tavern, if necessary, once it has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Engineer. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance**

The Commission had finally received review comments from the Berks County Planning Commission. The comments were reviewed and the following changes were made to the SALDO:

- Section 305.B.(2) – reference to preliminary plan on line 5 was changed to ‘final’ plan to make it consistent with the rest of the section.
- Section 401 and 403.B.(6) made reference to ‘land planners’ as well as other professionals. The term was removed and a definition was added for ‘landscape architect’.
- Section 403.E.(5) and 404.C.(5) – both refer to stormwater and for consistency, both sections have included a reference to the Borough’s Stormwater Ordinance.
- Section 507 failed to include a reference to ADA requirements for sidewalks there a subsection “h” was added to include this.
- Section 521.C.(6).(b) required updated the name of the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program’s Inventory.

**Codes Review Status Update**

The Committee will begin the review of the General Code Manuscript at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hoffman  
Borough Secretary