

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Members: Zimmerman, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Musser, Member; Martin, Alternate; Harris, Staff

Attendees: Zimmerman, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Musser, Member; Martin, Alternate
Council: Aronson; Buohl; Reinhold
Staff: Harris; Wakefield (Zoom)
Guests: None

The Development Activities Committee met on January 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Harris provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Borough business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Committee Chair Zimmerman asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Zimmerman asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted. Mr. Richard moved and Mr. Musser seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. None.

Discussion Items:

1. The Borough Solicitor, Isaac Wakefield, reviewed the memo he prepared regarding Temporary Shelters under the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Wakefield outlined the options noted in the memo. The Committee agreed that they do not want to make changes to the Temporary Shelter as a principal use, but the language relating to accessory uses needs to be revised due to ambiguity. The Solicitor will work on updates for further consideration at a future Committee meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed the Fourth Quarter 2023 Budget Report for activities under their purview. There were no concerns regarding the budget report raised at this meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed the 2023 Planning Commission Report and had no questions.
4. The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in December or January so there are no decisions.
5. There were no new applications for the February Zoning Hearing Board meeting.