

**MOUNT POCONO PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018  
7:05 P.M.**

Chairman K. Kirkwood opened the Regular Meeting at 7:05 P.M. with the following members present: Vice Chair R. Dorkoski, Commissioners V. Misuraca; M. Penn; and, H. Velasco. Also, present were Solicitor H. C. Connor; Borough Engineer C. Niclaus; Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer D. Noonan; and, Planning Commission Recording Secretary D. Jackowski.

Commissioner B. Harper and N. DeLano were absent.

Representing Borough Council were Councilmembers D. Casole, T. Ford and President C. Williams who arrived at 7:20 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner H. Velasco cited that he was absent for last month's meeting and the minutes should be changed to reflect this.

Vice Chair R. Dorkoski moved to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of Wednesday, July 18, 2018, with the correction. Commissioner V. Misuraca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUBMISSIONS**

**CKE Restaurant – Hardee's Sketch Plan**

Chris McDermott the Applicant's Engineer and the Applicant, Mr. Aman Verma were in attendance. Mr. McDermott explained the project would be located at SR 940 next to Perkins that would include a convenience store, gas station that would service twelve (12) vehicles and a Hardee's restaurant with a drive through. He stated that he understands that there may be an issue with the number of parking spaces for the plan and he would like to request a reduction of the parking spaces from what is required in the Ordinance. He also stated that he would like to see if the reduction of parking spaces be approved prior to going for a Conditional Use/ Land Development Plan. He noted that he would like to review the original Wal-Mart and Perkins plans to see how the parking spaces were allocated for their stores.

It was acknowledged by the Planning Commission that this would be a great addition to the Borough, especially another gas station and would not want to hinder the process along.

After reviewing this project, Vice Chair R. Dorkoski moved to send the Hardee's Sketch Plan to Borough Council for them to consider the reduction of parking spaces that are required by the Borough's Ordinance and that the Applicant should show some justification for the parking spaces reduction. Commission V. Misuraca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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The Planning Commission suggested that the Applicant should bring a Hardee's representative to explain their plan and be ready to justify the need of reducing the parking spaces.

Borough Engineer C. Niclaus left at 8:50 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposed Chicken Ordinance**

Councilmember T. Ford presented an updated proposed Chicken Ordinance for the Planning Commission to review.

After a lengthy review and many comments, Vice Chair R. Dorkoski moved to recommend the proposed Chicken Ordinance with the following suggestions that the Borough Council would need to consider/ determine under:

7. Standards and Conditions:

(a) would either be allowed in R1, R2 Zoning Districts or single-family homes and the lot size would either be larger than ¼ acre, 1/3 of an acre, or ½ an acre.

(c) (2) Roosters not allowed at all in the Borough.

(f) (1) Pens and coops shall be located only at the back yard and not at the side yard.

(f) (3) No part of a pen or coop shall be closer than 25, 30 or 35 feet.

All these items are subject to Borough Council's discretion.

Commissioner V. Misuraca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Fireworks/ Noise Ordinance Review**

Vice Chair R. Dorkoski questioned the background for the purpose of the proposed Fireworks/ Noise Ordinance.

Council President C. Williams responded that there was complaint from the Mount Pocono Campground that a Borough resident was firing off fireworks very late at night.

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Solicitor H. C. Connor suggested that everyone review the State law in which it states that every municipality in Pennsylvania is required to have a Fireworks Ordinance.

Chairman K. Kirkwood stated due to the lateness of the evening we will table the review of the proposed Fireworks/ Noise Ordinance until next month's Planning Commission meeting. He also suggested that everyone take their copy home to review it prior to next month's meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

None

**PROJECT UPDATES**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Borough Council**

Councilmember D. Casole reported that Borough Council held a work session in which the following items were discussed: Hirshland project and the need for sidewalks; the comment letter from the Monroe County Planning Commission regarding the Bed & Breakfast Amendment; the Borough's Permit and Fee Schedule; and, the definitions of a vendor and temporary structures i.e. tents.

**Zoning Hearing Board**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There being no public participation and no further business coming before the Planning Commission, Vice Chair R. Dorkoski moved to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Commissioner V. Misuraca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Jackowski  
Planning Commission Recording Secretary