

LITITZ BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting Held April 5, 2023

The April 5, 2023 meeting of the Lititz Borough Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Stauffer with members Meyer, Weibel, Stoudt (Alternate) and Yearick (Alternate) present. Piazza and Smith were excused. Attending in person was Tom Eppinger. Attending via Zoom were Linda Carson, Councilman Stephen Lee and Councilman David Brubaker. The minutes of the March 7, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Meyer, seconded by Weibel.

Ordinances
Electric Vehicle Charging Ordinance

Chairman Stauffer requested that Yearick provide a report on changes to the ordinance since the last meeting. Yearick reported that the section regulating Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at single-family residential properties had been rewritten based on the public feedback received. Additional other changes included a clarification on ADA Accessibility in the right-of-way, an addition that utilities be included in the siting of chargers in the ROW, and reducing the requirement to repair or remove malfunctioning chargers to two months. Yearick reported that the draft ordinance was sent out to those who previously commented and was made available on the website. The only comments received were supportive of the change.

Stauffer then opened public comment on the draft. Eppinger asked about the provisions regulating chargers at multi-family properties, specifically citing examples of the chargers at his residence at the Lititz Springs Apartments. Upon discussion, the Commission confirmed that advertising of the chargers to the general public would be prohibited under the new ordinance, though Stauffer conceded that any existing chargers would be grandfathered under the new ordinance. The Commission then discussed Eppinger's concerns about the public using the apartments' parking lot, particularly on weekends. Meyer suggested that part of the problem may relate to the chargers being identified by online mapping applications and Weibel suggested he reach out to the Police Department to see if they could assist in reaching out to the mapping companies to have them removed. She then thanked Eppinger for sharing his concerns.

Upon discussing the ADA provisions, procedures to install chargers in the right-of-way, and the difficulties faced in charging electric vehicles without off-street parking, Weibel moved, Meyer seconded to recommend the updated ordinance to Borough Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners Forum
Open Discussion

Yearick reported that the proposed Cargill expansion was still being reviewed at the staff level while it waited on PennDOT comments and architectural renderings. Both submissions are required to be reviewed before it could be recommended to Council. He also reported that the Toy Soldier redevelopment seems to be restarting in that they recently applied to PennDOT for utility work in front of the site. Lastly he encouraged Planning Commission members and the general public to participate in the regional comprehensive plan update that would kick-off the following week. Weibel encouraged Yearick to email all Borough committee members, to which he confirmed he would.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M., on a motion by Meyer with a second by Weibel.

Respectfully submitted,

Elijah Yearick
Managing Director of Planning & Development