

Fleetwood, PA
July 26, 2007

The planning commission meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by board member Russell J. Anderson in the absence of Chairman Jay E. Burkert.

The following members were present: Harry B. Rhoads, Earl R. Fox, Russell J. Anderson, and Blaine M. Martin

Others present: Mayor Gary D. Ebeling, Borough Council President Alexander J. Szoke, Borough Council Members Joe W. Kuzmann and Peter R. Merkel

Guests present included: See Attached Sheet

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Miller of the Berks County Redevelopment Authority went over the goals for the Tannery Redevelopment Area. She updated the planning commission on several changes to be made to the Redevelopment Area Plan for the Tannery Redevelopment Area and stated that revised plans will be sent to the municipality. The estimated cost for the project is \$3,200,000.00.

Edward Geubtner of Mullin Lonergan Associates gave a synopsis of the planning process. After the planning commission passes a motion to accept the plan, it will be returned to the Redevelopment Authority for proposals to implement the plan. The planning commission will review the Redevelopment Proposal; and if acceptable, present the proposal to the Fleetwood Borough Council. At this point a public hearing is held; and the council will approve or reject the Redevelopment Proposal by resolution. If approved, the Redevelopment Authority can carry out the Redevelopment Proposal

A motion was made by Russell Anderson and seconded by Blain Martin to approve the Area Redevelopment Plan for the Tannery Development Area for the Borough of Fleetwood, Berks County. Motion carried.

Mr. Pick of the Berks County Redevelopment Authority stated that they are looking at funding for the project and have spoken to Penn Dot. He explained that obtaining grant money is an on going project that could take 5 to 7 years to complete.

Mr. Anderson read a letter from the Fleetwood Bank offering their support and resources for the project. They stated that they are prepared to help with loans at a discounted rate and have spoken to a federal government sponsored enterprise with reference to obtaining grant money for the project. The letter was signed by Mr. Richard Meares the President and COO of the Fleetwood Bank.

Attorney Sean Cullin stated that he has spoken with Representative Kessler regarding the project. He also stated that he has contacted Rite Aid Drugstores to discuss the development of the former GST property. .

A motion was made by Earl Fox and seconded by Harry Rhoads to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Secretary/Treasurer