

Fleetwood, PA  
September 27, 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, and Russell J. Anderson

Others present: Mayor Gary D. Ebeling, Borough Council President Alexander J. Szoke, Borough Council Members Dale A. Dietrich, Joseph Kuzmann and Peter R. Merkel

Guests present included: See Attached Sheet

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Anderson commented that the plan proposal states that the provisions and requirements of the Redevelopment Proposal shall remain in effect for a period of twenty years from the date of approval by the governing body. He questioned whether or not this statement prohibits the borough from changing their zoning ordinance. Mr. Pick responded that the plan doesn't state specific restrictions; but refers to the borough's zoning ordinance for restrictions. This simply means that all projects have to meet the requirements of the current zoning ordinance at the time the project is being done.

Mr. Ken Pick announced that the Redevelopment Authority had approved the Redevelopment Proposal. The proposal recommends the acquisition of the buildings at 1 E. Main St. and 28 W. Main St., along with Pearl Alley between W. Main St. and Foundry Alley. The current occupants of the buildings are Dragon 21 Chinese Restaurant and Fleetwood Pizza.

Mr. Ed Geubtner stated that after the planning commission's approval of the proposal, the next step is to present the redevelopment plan to the Fleetwood Borough Council for approval. A motion was made by Russell Anderson and seconded by Earl Fox to accept the Berks County Redevelopment Plan Proposal. The motion was carried.

A public hearing will be scheduled for December 10th at 6:15 p.m. before the regular borough council meeting. The redevelopment authority will advertise the public hearing in the local newspaper.

Kathy Miller presented three different plans for the walkway on Pearl Alley. The redevelopment authority is anticipating completing this project in 2008. The plans laid out various concepts of a park type area using a pressed concrete walkway, seating areas, lighting, and landscaping consisting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Sean Cullin introduced Michael Tacconelli and Susan Rice of Stout Tacconelli, an engineering firm hired for the development of the tannery site. Attorney Cullin stated that the site will be marketed as the Main Street Project to incorporate the tannery site, walkway and existing businesses on Main Street as one area. He also noted that they will work with displaced businesses from the redevelopment project to provide them with a space at the tannery site.

Attorney Cullin presented a plan to expand the right hand turning radius from S. Richmond Street onto W. Main Street. The plan would entail acquisition of the property presently occupied by Susquehanna Bank.

After a period of discussion on traffic flow through the borough, Mr. Anderson asked if there was any further discussion regarding the redevelopment plan. As there were no further questions, Mr. Anderson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Rhoads to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Secretary/Treasurer