

# **NEW STANTON**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

April 10, 2013

### **I. Call to order**

Jim Evans called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:00 pm on April 10, 2013 in New Stanton.

### **II. Roll Call**

Recording Secretary Anita Hoffman conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Rob Quinn, Raymond Strosko, Calvin Kauffman, Denise Smyda and Jim Evans. Bud Moore & Brandon Clawson were absent. Also present was Zoning Officer, Melvin Steele and Emil Bove, Borough's engineer.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting - January 09, 2013**

Ray Strosko made a motion seconded by Denise Smyda to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

The minutes were approved with Jim Evans and Denise Smyda abstaining.

### **IV. Audience comments on General or Agenda items**

None

### **V. Old Business none**

### **VI. New business**

a. *Chris Bova & Brian Lawrence from Westmoreland County Planning - suggest updating the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.*

They gave a small presentation and spoke about it being a good time now to update the comprehensive plan; it hasn't been updated for 12 years. They suggested partnering with other municipalities as well as property owners and businesses. County Planning would help to secure funds, grants etc. to complete the project. Looking for Council to move forward with this no later than next month. The map application is September 2013. County planning sees a significant amount of growth with the interchange project; they are here to offer their help and services. They would like to get the public, property owners, council and planning involved.

Rob Quinn made a motion seconded by Denise Smyda to recommend Council consider updating the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance with the help from Westmoreland County Planning Department, and help obtaining funding for it.

The motion carried

b. Code enforcement officer Melvin Steele read an extension letter from Tri-County Engineering who represents the company that wants to build a Hampton Inn. He stated that there are concerns that are being reviewed

and this could be one of a few extensions, due to the developer of Stanton Square.

**Denise Smyda made a motion seconded by Rob Quinn to recommend Council approve a sixty (60) day extension for the Hampton Inn plan. The motion carried.**

The next item on the agenda was to update the property maintenance code, Members Denise Smyda, Jim Evans and Bud Moore met and went over items to update the current ordinances we have. Ms. Smyda said we want to update that affects our residents, one is throwing snow out on the road. Resident Tom Smith said it's unfair that the only place there is no parking signs up in the borough for snow removal is Woodmere drive. A discussion and suggestions about those items were addressed by the members but later decided to be put on hold until the next meeting to give everyone a chance to review the changes.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Denise Smyda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

