New Hope Borough Planning Commission Monday, October 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The New Hope Borough Planning Commission (NHBPC) met on October 13, 2021, in the public meeting room. In attendance and voting were Chairman Keith Voss and members Peter Meyer, Lou Bellafronte, and Jason Apuzzio. Also in attendance were Borough Engineer, Michele Fountain, Matthew Walters and David Kimberly of the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) and George DiPersio of CKS Engineers, Inc.

Call to Order: Mr. Voss called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

RB 1 Zoning District-Ordinance Discussion:

Mr. Walters handed out an updated RB1 zoning district ordinance that incorporated the changes recommended by the NHBPC at the October 4th meeting. The changes were reviewed and confirmed.

RB 2 Zoning District-Ordinance Discussion:

The NHBPC discussed use 275-22J - "travel trailer/recreational vehicle storage". Setback requirements in other municipalities is to be investigated along with requirements to limit the amount of time a recreational vehicle can be stored at a property.

Planning Commission member, Lawrence Greenberg, arrived at 8:01pm

The minimum lot width at the street line, the build to line, building size and building height that will be in the new RB 1 ordinance was recommended in the RB 2 zoning ordinance.

CC Zoning District-Ordinance Discussion:

The NHBPC discussed use 275-22K, "dwelling(s) in combination with a business". Some revisions that were discussed include having the residential use be no greater than the gross floor area as the principal use, having the residential use footprint be no greater than the footprint of the retail use and requiring the first floor to be only a non-residential use.

The NHBPC also recommended to move the village restaurant and restaurant uses to uses permitted by conditional use rather than uses permitted by special exception.

Adjournment: Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Mr. Voss seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.