

PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

A Regular meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Room of the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Co-Chairman Kevin Doupe' at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Shane Mize, Co-Chairman Kevin Doupe', William Kovalcin, Roger Hatch & Diane Siegmund

Members Absent: Mark Christini, Jim Lacek & Erin Groves

Citizens to be Heard or Guests: Rev. Rachel Stahle was present to introduce herself and express her interest in being on the Planning Commission board. She moved here in 2011 to be Pastor of the Presbyterian Church and moved to Towanda Borough in 2015. She is no longer the pastor of the church but decided to stay living in the borough. She is a neighbor of Mr. Christini and talked to him about the Planning Commission, and was present tonight to listen and understand the scope of what the Planning Commission does. Mr. Doupe' summarized some of the things that were recently researched and presented by the board to the Borough Council that were adopted by the Council. They are the Vacant Store Front Ordinance and the Quality of Life Ticketing Ordinance.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Doupe' and seconded by Mr. Kovalcin to approve the previous regular meeting minutes that were held on May 16, 2023. Motion passed.

New Business:

A. Introduction of Barry Thrush, new Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Thrush grew up in Athens and has been away for 15 years. The decision to move back here was made to move closer to family and live in a smaller community. Each of the board members introduced themselves to Mr. Thrush.

Old Business:

A. Planning Commission vacancy.

Two possible candidates.

FUTURE Business (at a Later Date):

- A.** Update Regional Comprehensive Plan – Regional Comprehensive Plan as adopted in 2008 – link below:

[Central Bradford Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary](#)

[Central Bradford Region Comprehensive Plan](#)

[Central Bradford Region Comprehensive Plan Appendix](#)

- B.** DCED Grant Approved – Point committee for bundled projects.

1. Tommy Fairchild Memorial Park (formerly Riverfront Park)
2. YMCA (SCI) Complex Master Plan (including the Memorial Park playground).
3. Third Ward Park.
4. The TRAIL project with the possibility of connecting all Towanda Borough Parks and municipal grounds with the trail.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Doupe' and seconded by Mr. Mize at 7:16 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 7 PM.



Recording Secretary
Planning Commission