

Planning Commission Meeting –September 2020 (Zoom meeting – Held September 22, 2020)

Attending: Planning Commission Crafton - Lydia Herring, Rich Kraemer, Kirsten Compitello, Colton Chandler, Eric Valcheff

Ingram Commissioners: Jim Marsilio, Greg Butler

Call To Order: 7:03 PM

Citizen Comments

None

Zoning Ordinance Update

Map Grant was submitted. We received a letter of support from the Carlynton School Board, but not from Montour. Greg will find out who at Montour was contacted for the grant letter. Kirsten, Lydia, Colton, and Greg agreed to attend DCED call on October 5 along with Strategic Solutions consultant Chelsea Puff.

Ingram Update

Allegheny Grant was being worked on.

7 proposals received; interviews conducted for 5 of the 7 firms. Ingram Planning Commission to make a recommendation at 9/25/20 meeting.

Decision is on the Ingram Borough meeting agenda for October 8th. Ingram is starting an initiative for borough improvements.

Crafton Update

The introduction workshop was held in August with approx.. 10 attendees. The Planning Commission received many positive comments from the attendees. Crafton Planning Commission created a community-visioning link on the website. Links for subsequent workshops will also be posted on the website. We are also getting support of the Crafton Council. Kirsten gave a general update of the Connect session. Russ McKibbin also attended the Connect meeting. Greg stated that Ingram is interested.

Eco Districts

The group discussed Millvale and their status as an Eco District. It was mentioned that Millvale is not certified, but regionally, Etna is certified as an Eco-District. It is not necessary to be certified to reap the benefits. Discussion of concept of Eco-District would work well in Crafton (Crafton Community Garden and creek). A plan like this would also need community support from groups and individuals. Are there any groups to contact in Crafton-Ingram? Rotary, Schools, Councils, Volunteer Groups and Library were suggested as to where to start. We should consider getting a grant writer and also take to council to

search for grant possibilities. We would need community buy-in and support. Brainstorming necessary on how to get people on board. How to approach groups such as Fire Department and Rotary. It was decided to set up a template file on the Crafton/Ingram Planning Commission joint drive so that folks can share ideas in the next few months and prepare a succinct description of the benefits prior to bringing the idea to the respective councils and other stakeholders. More action to be picked up in 2021.

Community Visions Workshop – Crafton only

Crafton discussed the agenda for the next Workshop.

“What do we mean by” screens were added.

Kirsten will use Google Maps during workshop to highlight questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM