

**Town of Bethany Beach
Planning Commission Minutes
July 18, 2009**

The Bethany Beach Planning Commission held a meeting on Saturday, July 18, 2009 in the Bethany Beach Town Hall, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

The following members were present: Lew Killmer, who presided: Donald Doyle, Faith Denault, John Gaughan and Fulton Loppatto. Kathleen Mink was officially excused from this meeting.

Also present: Councilman Joseph Healy, John Eckrich, Building Inspector, Seville Pettit, Administrative Secretary, and interested members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

OPENING OF MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Doyle made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Denault and unanimously approved.

Discussion/ Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes of May 16, 2009

Mr. Gaughan made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 16, 2009; the motion was seconded by Ms. Denault and unanimously approved. Mr. Loppatto abstained, due to an excused absence.

Discussion/Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes of June 20, 2009

Mr. Gaughan suggested some minor wording changes to the June minutes. Mr. Doyle made a motion to approve the amended minutes dated June 20, 2009; the motion was seconded by Ms. Denault and unanimously approved. Mr. Gaughan abstained, due to an excused absence.

Announcements/ Comments/ Updates

Non-Residential Design Review Update (Denault)

Ms. Denault reported there were two applications: DiFebo's Restaurant and Pizzeria and Subway Restaurant.

Mr. Jeff Osias represented DiFebo's Restaurant and Pizzeria and presented an overview of the proposed requested additional signage. The applicant was requesting to add a sign on the east-facing wall on DiFebo's restaurant to advertise menus and other business related activities. The application was approved by the DRC.

Mr. Mohammad Awavallah represented the Subway Restaurant presented an overview of the proposed signage. The applicant was requesting to add a trademark Subway restaurant sign with the addition of two rows of very narrow strips of green and yellow LED lights as well as repainting the building light beige.

Comments/ Updates Regarding the July Town Council Meeting (Killmer)

Mr. Killmer reported the proposed ordinance for the installation and maintenance of Geothermal HVAC systems was approved.

Mr. Killmer also noted that councilman Dr. Robert Parsons announced he would not be a candidate for this year's election for Town Council. The Town Council also approved the mailing of a survey to the Bethany Beach community regarding the Mediacom cable company. This in conjunction with the possible renewal of the cable network franchise license which is due to expire in 2011.

Comments, Q&A and Discussion for Planning Commissioner Members

There was no discussion at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no discussion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Begin discussion of a proposed ordinance to regulate the installation and use of Solar Energy. (All)

Mr. Killmer provided the Planning Commission members with a draft proposal to be the basis for the possible creation of future legislation regarding Solar Energy Systems.

Mr. Killmer proposed that after the Planning Commission finalizes a draft proposal regarding Solar Energy Systems, the Planning Commission then convene a round table discussion that will include individuals and companies that design, manufacture and install solar energy systems to obtain their comments and input before sending any proposed new legislation to the Town Council. The Planning Commission fully supported this proposal.

The Planning Commission members spent the balance of the meeting performing a line-by-line review of the initial draft document. Mr. Killmer was actioned to make the recommended changes to the working document and send the second draft to all of the members. The second draft of the Solar Energy document will be reviewed at a future Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN

Ms. Denault made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loppatto and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seville Pettit
Administrative Secretary