

**BOROUGH OF HATORO
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1st, 2016**

PRESENT

Chairman McKnight, Members Battis & Gordon, Assistant Secretary Hegele & Engineer Dougherty.

ABSENT

Members Farnen & Kline

HATBORO FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McKnight called the March 1, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes on the agenda for approval this evening.

HATBORO FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

Engineer Dougherty stated in 2010 FEMA adopted new preliminary floodplain maps, they have been updating them for the past 5 years. He stated the maps are ready and now all municipalities have to adopt changes. The new maps become effective March 2nd. Council is scheduled to adopt the ordinance on March 14th. This ordinance must be adopted in order for the Borough to receive FEMA support and residents to receive discount for flood insurance.

Chairman McKnight stated he wanted clarification on Section 27-506 Boundary Disputes. Engineer Dougherty referred to Section 27-626, where it would then go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman McKnight asked clarification under Section 27-511 E Fill, specifically #4 about the slopes. Engineer Dougherty stated it should not be as high, it is taking up more floodplain, and it should be a 2 to 1 slope that will require certain plants to keep displacement to a minimum. Chairman McKnight asked for clarification on Letter K, #2, definition for water resistant. Engineer Dougherty used the example of treated lumber if exposed to water would not rot. Chairman McKnight stated that under Section 27-514 Recreational Vehicles, he asked for clarification stating he would not want to see them become permanent. Chairman McKnight asked for clarification of who the Floodplain Administrator would be. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated most likely Borough Manager/Zoning Officer Zollers. There was a discussion concerning technical issues and paperwork with a request under Section 37-518 to add landscape architect to letter d & e. Chairman McKnight questioned under appeals, should section 27-506 be referenced.

Member Battis stated under Section 27-527 variances, he feels that there is no way the little guy can do it but a big company with lots of money can do it.

Member Battis made a motion to recommend approval of the Borough of Hatboro Floodplain Ordinance with conditions that the Planning Commission discussed above, motion seconded by Member Gordon, all ayes. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Planning Commission.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There was none.

MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be April 5th, 2016 if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman McKnight adjourned the March 1st, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary

