

**TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
November 16, 2017**

Chairperson Rick Bogar called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. In attendance were Commission Members Joe Martarano, Mike Mertz, Ed Sabo and Barry Thorne. Also in attendance were Town Planner Bob Aungst, Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman and Admin Asst. Christine Meeker.

Minutes from the October 26, 2017 meeting were approved with no correction or additions.

**BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – LAND DEVELOPMENT – LYCOMING HALL ADDITION**

**Submission Date: October 26, 2017 – Ninety Day Deadline: January 24, 2017**

**Deadline for Action – Planning Commission by: December 28, 2017 – Council by: January 22, 2017**

The project proposes a 1,375 square foot building addition to Lycoming Hall. The addition will be used to house chilled water improvements for the University's air conditioning system and increase campus ADA accessibility with a lift that would allow handicap individuals better access to facilities on the lower part of campus. Coleman Gregory from LDG updated the commission of the status of the E & S plan and stated that there will be four waivers will be requested for approval at the December meeting.

**SILK MILL APARTMENTS – LAND DEVELOPMENT - 250 W. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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The proposed project, located at 250 West Sixth Street, consists of the construction of a four story 20,000 square foot multi-family residential building housing 64 units and a related parking area. The building will be a mix of low/mod income units and market ready units. The fourth floor will house a fitness room and community room with an open air deck. Corey Johnson of LDG questioned whether the parking situation outlined in the developers agreement from the Shangrila project has been figured out. Kyle Bauman stated that he could not locate any record showing that the agreement was ever recorded. Mike Mertz stated that he would make a trip to the courthouse to check.

**BU Gateway Project Discussion**

Nicole Mendinsky was present to give an overview of the new gateway project for the University located at SR 487 and Country Club Road.

**HB 271 Casino Gambling Municipal Opt Out Discussion**

The commission discussed HB 271 that was signed into law on October 30, 2017 which expands gaming opportunities throughout the state. Section 1305.1(A) provides municipalities with an option to prohibit or opt-out of allowing a category 4 facility in their municipality. If a municipality opts-out their must do it by resolution and this resolution must be deliver to the PA Gaming Control board no later then December 31, 2017. Motion was made by Barry Thorne to recommend Council prohibit the siting of a category 4 casino by passing a resolution to opt-out. Motion was seconded by Joe Martarano and voted on three to two with Martarano and Thorne voting yes and Sabo, Mertz and Bogar voting no, the motion was defeated.

A motion was made by Ed Sabo recommending Council not prohibit or opt-out of allowing a category 4 casino in the Town. Motion was seconded by Rich Bogar and voted on three to two with Sabo, Bogar and Mertz voting yes and Thorne and Martarano voting no. Motion carried.

Next workshop will be December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00 PM with Ed Sabo, Rich Bogar and Joe Martarano attending.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Notes taken by Christine Meeker.