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ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Altoona City Planning Commission, created in March 1916, is composed of seven residents appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. The Commission is responsible for developing and updating the Comprehensive Plan, reviewing proposals that affect the development of the City, and providing a public forum that encourages participation in guiding the future of the City.

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM 4th Floor City Hall Common Room

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> The Commission will consider the approval of minutes from its previous meeting of June 11, 2024 which are included in the packet.
- 2. <u>Public Comment Period</u> All public comments will be received at this time.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. Parlor Doughnuts – 3621 Burgoon Rd – Goldizen Real Estate, LLC submitted a land development plan proposing to renovate the former Haberstroh Law Office building to create a 2,415 SF second tenant space with a new drive-thru service. The remaining 2,300 SF will remain as professional office space. The proposed drive-thru will direct traffic from Burgoon Rd and exit out onto Ruskin Drive. A total of 5-car stacking will be provided. Your agenda packet includes the latest plans, narrative, BCPC review letter and technical review letter. A total of five waivers is being requested. A recommended resolution for approval has been included.

STAFF LEVEL REVIEWS

Staff has received the following updates to the staff level subdivision/land development applications since June 11, 2024 regular meeting:

a) Sheetz Schwellness Center – 5800 6th Avenue – Low Impact LD Plan – Approved

SPOT BLIGHT DECLARATION

1. **902 3rd Avenue**

Owner: Wayne R. & Crystal M. Sweeney (Deceased)

Property is a vacant, residential structure in substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation. Property is abandoned, due to the owners being deceased. The structure has holes in the exterior walls in the back of the structure, minor cracks in the blocks. Cap on the peak of the house is loose, windows are broken and/or missing. The back yard is littered with debris and is a hazard to the public and neighboring homes. Electrical service to the property has been off since May 2023 and water has been off since January 27, 2022, gas shut is still unknown. There are outstanding taxes owed on the property for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 totaling \$1,787.59. The City will demolish the structure and place a lien on the property for the cost of demolition. Appropriate reuse for this property is residential in nature.

2. **1519 18th Avenue**

Owner: Eric Esper 1011 N. 4th Street Altoona, PA 16601

Property is vacant, residential structure in substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation. Structure is unsafe due to fire in the rear of the structure. The interior has been destroyed by fire and water damage. Property is a complete loss due to the fire, water and smoke damage to all interior rooms. The owner's mortgage company is suing because the owner owes more than the house is worth. All utilities have been off since 2023. No outstanding taxes. The City will demolish the structure and place a lien on the property for the cost of demolition. Appropriate reuse for this property is residential in nature.

3. **1011 2nd Avenue (Garage Only)**

Owner: Eugene Doran 1011 2nd Avenue Altoona, PA 16602

Garage is in substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation. Structure is unsafe with the roof collapsing and structure is leaning toward the neighboring property posing a threat to public health and safety. Owners are deceased and property is tied up in a legal battle with the children. No utilities and outstanding taxes on the property is \$610.24. The City will demolish the garage and place a lien on the property for the cost of demolition. Appropriate reuse of this property is residential in nature.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. GAEDC Report
- 2. Blair County Planning Commission Report

COMMISSIONER FORUM

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Status
- 2. Zoning Ordinance and SALDO Update Status

QUESTIONS FROM MEDIA AND PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT