

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Green Tree Planning Commission met on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sycamore Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Cheryl Bakin, Chair
Al Erwin
Robert McWilliams
Jesse Robinson-Evans (7:25 pm)
Christine Short

Also Present:

Todd Carter, Code Enforcement Officer
Kim Beck, Stenographer

Absent:

Jessica Swiech
Nicholas Weirick

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

CHAIR REPORT – Ms. Bakin

Ms. Bakin had nothing to report at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

March 8, 2023

Motion:

Ms. Short made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erwin, to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION: REVISIONS TO GARBAGE CAN ORDINANCE

Ms. Bakin explained that Council had asked the Planning Commission to review the Borough's current garbage can ordinance and discuss whether regulations should be included to restrict residents from storing their garbage cans in front of their homes.

Ms. Bakin stated that some residents in Green Tree did not have space behind or beside their garage to store their garbage cans, and therefore needed to store them in front of their property. Ms. Short agreed, noting that some residents do not feel comfortable storing their garbage cans in their garage, and do not have anywhere else to utilize as storage.

Mr. Carter said that he had not received any complaints or calls regarding the storage of garbage cans. Most of the calls he receives in the office relate to residents putting their garbage at the curb before 5:00 pm, which is the time that is set by the current ordinance. He noted that the ordinance has a time for residents to put their cans at the curb, but there is nothing noting when residents should have their garbage cans brought back up after the garbage has been collected for the week. Ms. Short said this had come up

at a recent Council meeting, and the Borough Manager had stated that there were some residents in the Borough who had permission to put their cans out early due to medical and other reasons.

The Planning Commission agreed that the ordinance should be revised to include a time that cans need to be brought up after collection has been completed. After a discussion, the Planning Commission agreed that they would recommend the ordinance be revised to allow residents to place their cans at the curb beginning at 12:00 pm the day before collection. Residents would be required to retrieve their cans from the curb by 6:00 am the morning after collection has been completed. They agreed that the ordinance should not be revised to include any restrictions on where the cans are allowed to be stored or require residents to build a structure or fence to enclose their garbage cans if being stored in the front of their property.

Ms. Bakin said she would draft a proposed revision to the current garbage can ordinance to be voted on to recommend to Council at the next Planning Commission meeting.

REVIEW OF UPDATES TO PERMITS AND PROJECTS IN THE BOROUGH

1. The owners of 495 Mansfield Avenue, Wolfe LLC, will be returning to the Zoning Hearing Board on May 11 for the approval of another variance. If the Zoning Hearing Board approves this variance, then Wolfe LLC will meet with the Planning Commission.
2. Mr. Carter issued a permit for 367 Mansfield Avenue. They intend to put a small dance studio in that location.
3. Mr. Carter stated that Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering would be making the maps for the Comprehensive Plan. He is waiting to hear back regarding the price to have the maps done. Mr. Carter said he is not sure when he will be receiving this estimate.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

1. The Planning Commission is in the process of comparing the current Comprehensive Plan to the draft of the new plan.
2. Ms. Bakin has been working to get a copy of the maps of the proposed I-376 project from Penn-DOT to include in the new Comprehensive Plan.
3. Ms. Bakin is in the process of securing the Census data that is needed for the plan.
4. The Planning Commission has been struggling to retrieve the number of people employed by the ten largest companies in Green Tree. Ms. Bakin said she hopes the Borough's tax collector will be able to assist with collecting this data.
5. Ms. Short and Mr. Erwin volunteered to assess the data that was gathered from the two surveys distributed to Green Tree residents to include in the appendices of the Comprehensive Plan.
6. Members of the Planning Commission have summarized the information received from various businesses, schools, and churches throughout the Borough. This information will be included in the appendices of the Comprehensive Plan.
7. Ms. Bakin asked if pictures should be included throughout the plan. She asked the members of the Planning Commission to come up with a list of photos they would like to see included while reviewing the new plan, to be discussed at the April meeting.

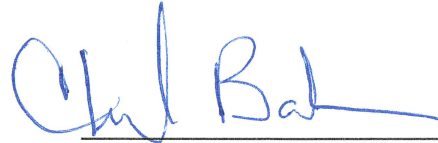
8. The Planning Commission discussed the draft of the Table of Contents that was distributed at the March 8 meeting. They agreed that the Table of Contents should be condensed and will be reviewing what should be removed.

ADJOURNMENT

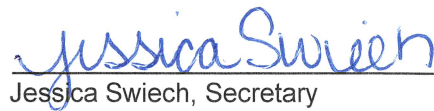
Motion:

Mr. McWilliams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Short, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.



Cheryl Bakin, Chairman



Jessica Swiech, Secretary