



**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2017
1:00 PM**

Chairman Joel B. Day called the meeting of the New Philadelphia Planning Commission to order, on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the John Knisely Municipal Centre.

Chairman Day welcomed members of the commission and thanked them for attending. The Secretary had roll call.

Members in attendance: Dick Bible, Don Kemp, Ron McAbier, Joe McCartney, Lucas Moreland, Cheryl Ramos, John Stratton and Kelly Watson

Guests: Maureen Wenger, Mike Scolati, Jeff Erb, Dean Holland, Brian Myers and Jan McInturf

Motion was made by Don Kemp to accept the June and August minutes (July meeting was cancelled). The motion was seconded by John Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

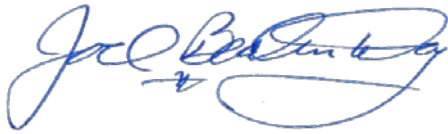
1) Chairman Day showed images on the projection screen that were areas of city owned property (highlighted in green) around Harry Clever Field (airport) and the Evergreen and East Avenue cemeteries that need annexed into the city. Mayor Day said it is necessary to expand the city's boundaries and to do so, it must be contiguous land. John Stratton made a motion to approve the move to annex this property (highlighted in green) into the city corporation. It was seconded by Dick Bible. Motion passed unanimously. This will now go into Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee for review.

2) Chairman Day announced to Planning Commission members that a tear down order had been issued to the owners of the former Hong Kong Buffet on West High Avenue.

3) The Chairman also stated that a tear down order had been issued to the property owner of 533 Front Street S.W. Zoning and Building Code Administrator, Mike Scolati explained how tear down orders work. Mr. Scolati stated there are two additional properties in foreclosure.

4) The Chairman informed members that he had recently spoken to Dean Bielski of Kent State University, Tuscarawas Campus, and the Dean said that the Gateway Project is still on for the future. This project will include small shops, restaurants and student housing to be located off of East High Avenue near the Timken Company. Kent State's Main Campus, in addition to the Board of Trustees of the Tuscarawas Campus, have given their approval to move forward with this project. Mayor Day stated Kent State has hired an engineering firm to do a study on the Beaver Dam Creek to determine if it sits in the flood plain or not. Hope is that the study comes back good and that it does not sit in the flood plain.

With no further business to conduct, John Stratton made a motion to adjourn. Don Kemp seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



Chairman Joel B. Day



Secretary Mary Ann Otte