



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 8TH, 2017  
1:00 PM**

Chairman Joel B. Day called the meeting of the New Philadelphia Planning Commission to order, on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Members in attendance: Ron McAbier, Don Kemp and Kelly Watson

Excused: Dick Bible, Joe McCartney, Cheryl Ramos, John Stratton and Jackie Triplett

Guests: Maureen Wenger, Mike Scolati, Jeff Erb, Gene Grasselli, Lucas Moreland and Bill Harding

The Secretary had roll call. Mayor Day announced that due to the lack of a quorum, discussion only would be had on the topics presented today.

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. After proceeding with the properties in green then the Commission will target those highlighted in yellow (see the handout provided by the chairman).

2) Zoning and Building Code Administrator Mike Scolati discussed his conversation with a vendor representing Garland Hospitality who wants to install a wind turbine near the old McDonalds on West High Avenue. The city's zoning ordinances do not address wind turbines. Mayor Day and Ron McAbier spoke of their recent meeting with Newcomerstown Mayor and former school Principal Pat Cadle, who installed a wind turbine at West Elementary School. Mayor Cadle stated that, due to a lack of wind, the turbine only generates enough electricity to power a 100 watt light bulb, and saves the school building only \$3000.00 per year. Mr. Scolati said he has obtained additional information from other cities and there doesn't appear to be enough wind in our city to warrant their use. The chairman said he asked the wind turbine vendor how many he had installed in Tuscarawas County. He said three. The chairman asked the members present to give thought on whether the commission should recommend that City Council approve legislation to ban wind turbines in New Philadelphia.

The chairman said he was against allowing them within the city limits because they are unsightly and apparently not beneficial.

3) The chairman then led a discussion on the existing zoning overlays at the Technology Park off of University Drive NE. He gave the floor to Bill Harding, Interim Director of the Community Improvement Corporation, to explain why the overlays exist and the restrictions they place on building design and construction at the Tech Park. Chairman Day said he wanted to bring this to the Commission's attention because a local business has expressed an interest in constructing a building and relocating in the Tech Park. Chairman Day asked members to review his handouts on the Tech Park zoning overlays and to bring any questions with them to the next meeting. Mr. Harding and Service Director McAbier stated that some of the restrictions may no longer be necessary and could be lifted. He stressed to review the "light manufacturing" section. Mr. Harding stated there are a total of 175 acres in the Tech Park, which is owned by C.I.C.

With no further business to conduct, the Mayor made a motion to adjourn. Ron McAbier seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



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Chairman Joel B. Day



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Secretary Mary Ann Otte