

RED LION BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, March 17, 2025

Members present

Cindy Barley
Muriel Slenker
Wade Elfner
Jay Nolt, Zoning
Evan Hiester

Others present

Michelle Poole, Borough Manager
Sam Craley
Mike Craley, Solicitor
Amanda Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors

LuAnn Hildebran

Ian Montgomery

Kristine Cousler-Womack

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.
2. No deliberations or official action could be made due to the agenda not being posted on the internet 24 hours in advance.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS-**
 - **Ian Montgomery, 134 W Gay, Red Lion-** Representing the RL Business Association regarding the ordinance for transient retail merchants. Ian is requesting that the planning commission present to Council that the enforcement of this ordinance not take place until it is finalized by the solicitor and approved by the council. His argument included that it has not been enforced in the past and we need to notify the community via advertisement. The street fair is already sanctioned and permitted by the state for public assemblage. Mrs. Barley noted that preparing for the street fair entails hours of work from our public works team, which is what the merchant fee reimburses. Mr. Heister included that there are rules and regulations we have to enforce during these events, which is another cost to the borough.
 - **Kristine Cousler-Womack, 14 S Park St., Dallastown-** Questioned if the borough can deny an application if they have already been approved. Mrs. Barley and Mrs. Poole both noted that no vendor has ever been denied at this point.
 - Sam Craley advised that Dallastown Borough does in fact enforce their merchant fee since it had been stated they do not currently. Both Sam and Kristine spoke to different people, stating different things. Mr. Heister stated that no matter if any other borough enforces or not, if there is an ordinance, it should be enforced.
4. **BUSINESS PERMITTING ORDINANCE-** Atty Craley gave all members a first draft copy of the Ordinance No. 2025 stating that nonprofit organizations will be exempt from paying any fees for up to four (4) craft or vendor fairs per calendar year, per location. This ordinance is also offering an exemption for inside residential dwellings, such as "In home" parties to include Avon, Tupperware, etc.

Noted since no official action can be taken this evening, the April Planning Commission will review and give a recommendation. May 2025 will be the earliest to get to the Council work session which means it will be in front of the council in June 2025.
5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amanda Runkle, Treasurer