

City of Millville
Planning Board Minutes

March 9th, 2020

PUBLIC MEETING

Members of the Millville Planning Board met on the above date for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the 4th Floor, City Hall in the Richard C. McCarthy Chamber. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced that this meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, was advertised, posted, and made available to the public as required by Statute. In attendance were Vice-Chairman Kasuba, Chairman Gallaher, Commissioner Udalovas, Mayor Santiago, Mr. Malone, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Arrigo, Jay Laubengeyer, and Mr. Caregnato. Also present was Mr. Van Embden, Planning Board Solicitor, Samantha Silver, City of Millville Planner.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Vice-Chairman Kasuba made a motion to approve the February 10th, 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Arrigo. The following board members voted yes, Vice-Chairman Kasuba, Chairman Gallaher, Commissioner Udalovas, Mayor Santiago, Mr. Malone, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Arrigo, and Jay Laubengeyer. Mr. Caregnato abstain.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

RESOLUTIONS: N/A

APPLICATIONS:

Courtesy Review for Cumberland County Improvement Authority on behalf of the Millville Public Library for addition and renovation to the Millville Public Library of Block 410, Lot(s) 1,3,4, &4.01 located on 210 Buck Street in the B-3 Business district. Ethan Aronoff member of the board of trustee speaks on behalf of the Public Library Courtesy review. Mr. VanEmbden swore in Mr. Aronoff of 2110 E. Main Street. The addition is heading South of the existing building and the addition will double the size of the original library. Need more room, as of right now we must take an old book off the shelf to make room for the new books. Need more rooms for public access computers, the library currently has 24. There are days when all the computers are being utilized. The parking lot out the back by the river will be closer to the entrance of the new addition. The entrance will face the river with the new addition. The old entrance will be retained as autonomous entrance for those who would like to use the Gant room. The large meeting room at the library. It's available during hours the library is not open, maybe during the weekend and evening hours. We are making the faculty much more accessible for more people in the community. Interior view shows new classrooms for training. An elevator will be added into the new addition. The community room will have its own entrance and laboratory. New addition will add an adult section and a teen section. Near the front by buck street there will be six additional small rooms, for consulting, seminar, small meetings, and private study.

How is access controlled on additional hours for the Gant room?

A: It will be pre-arranged before use of room and a reasonable person that is a member of the organization will lock it up.

The small rooms and Gant rooms what access will the rooms have?

A: Improve the electric systems, which will give better internet access and telecommunications.

What is the protocol for individual to use the rooms?

A: Its open to everyone in the community. But if it's a commercial we may as for a fee. Non-profit organization it to help them.

How long will the library be closed during the construction of the new addition?

A: The existing library will continue to function. While the addition is being build. Once the addition is up and running, we will move things from the existing to the new. Hopefully only be close for a few days if need due to safety construction procedures.

Main entrance is facing the river, correct? Are you worried about vandalism having the door facing away from the street?

A: We are all worried about vandalism, but the police do a great job with this. We have security cameras inside and around the outside of the building. The building will be well lite. We have two security guards during work hours.

We have worked with a library S.W.A.T team to help with the new addition's plans. They gave recommendations to help with security and the running of the library. It's calls site lines include the whole floor access view lay out. We put in a bar on the benches so homeless can not sleep on the benches.

When will you start the library?

A: We learned that in 2017 there was a referee amendment for library that raise money. They would match the money raised. Then the good votes approved 125-million-dollar library construction act. It's a long wait, but it was late January we receive the rules and regulations to apply for that. Hoping for 3.2millions for matching dollars. They accept application starting today and deadline is April 6th, 2020.

The library would like to add a solar roof as well but not sure of the funds limit.

This is not a matter where the board votes on the project. Chairman Gallaher opens comment portion to the public.

Mr. VanEmbden swore in Tamara Isjaw- Millville will there be any green space after the addition? Will there be accessed to have meeting outside or get fresh air?

A: The library though about it, but worried about the attaching homeless.

Why change the entrance from the front to the back?

A: People can actually park closer to the entrance now with it being in the back. Most of the parking is in the back.

How many people can the Gant room hold?

A: 75 people

Will you be paving just the part that is being worked on or doing more?

A: The library will be doing landscaping around the library. We really haven't submitted a site plan yet.

Chairman Gallaher would like the board to make a resolution to endorse this project to help benefit the library. If the board knowledge the benefits.

The Board finds that the library improvements will serve the public interest consistent with the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance applicable to the area and the project will be an enhancement and betterment for the area and the City as a whole.

Mr. Caregnato made a motion to approve the new addition of the public library and seconded by Mr. Gallagher all present voted yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gallagher is bringing to the board's attention; the multiple papers being thrown onto people property and the papers clogging up the drains that effects the sewer. Mr. Caregnato stated there nothing we can do it freedom of speech. Nothing the Planning Board can do about this situation.

Commissioner Udalovas states during the previous commissions meeting regarding the ordinance the public comment questioned, draft zoning ordinance, the Wawa railroad track will be inspected by CME, the rest of the Zoning ordinance will be examined by a consultant.

Confirmed the CME associates was constructed to look into the Wawa track only. Not the other elements of the residential properties, vehicle storage, or structures being enforced by the new ordinance. Regard to the items that directly impacted residential properties was discussed possibly have a subcommittee to re exam those item that CME is not inspecting. This will help comb through the ordinance with the planner, chairman, engineer department, and Zoning officer. If the chairman Gallaher approves of the item Commissioner Udalovas can type up her notes with specific comments from the public and give to the comment so they can reinspect the concerns of the public. The notes will be sent to the Supervising Planner by March 13th, 2020.

Chairman Gallaher is definitely open to it and want to ask our planner what her thoughts are.

Samantha Silvers is ok with the group. The chairman will choose who will be in the committee.

With no other further business, Commissioner Udalovas made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Klawitter, Zoning/Planning Secretary