

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

President C. Williams opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President F. O'Boyle; Councilmembers: S. Stewart-Keeler; D. Casole; T. Ford; A. Montanez; and, M. Hensel. Mayor F. Courtright, Solicitor J. Fareri; Junior Councilmembers S. Darwish and K. Rinaldi; Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer D. Noonan; and, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Solicitor J. Fareri explained that the purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is to consider the adoption and to take comment on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Free-Standing signs, Chapter 215 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Pocono, to update sign standards for planned commercial developments and/ or planned industrial developments.

Solicitor J. Fareri entered the following as Borough Exhibits:

Borough Exhibit #1 was proof of advertising in *The Pocono Record*. Advertising occurred on August 20th and again on August 27th.

Borough Exhibit #2 was a memo dated August 27, 2018 from the Mount Pocono Planning Commission which recommended approval of the proposed Text Amendment to Free-Standing Signs.

Borough Exhibit #3 was the Monroe County Planning Commission comments dated August 31, 2018.

Borough Exhibit #4 was a letter from Attorney Lewis with a copy of the petition of the Zoning Text Amendment.

Attorney Craig R. Lewis of Kaplin Stewart Attorneys at Law was present on behalf of the Applicant, Larry Hirshland. He entered Applicant Exhibits #1-A, a rendering of what the multi-tenant sign would look like.

There was discussion relative to the size of the signs and the free-standing multi-tenant sign regarding the rendering and its appearance.

Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer D. Noonan asked if the individual tenants free-standing popsicle signs could meet the requirements to be 250 feet apart, taking into consideration the number of proposed tenants.

Attorney Lewis stated that they are not asking for any amendments in that regard and therefore the tenants would have to meet those requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no public comments the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary