

**PART 4**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**§1-401. Desire and Intention to Organize.**

The Borough Council of the Borough of Philipsburg of Centre County, Pennsylvania, hereby signifies its intention and desire to organize a Planning Commission under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of July 31, 1968, reenacted and amended by Act 170 of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1329.

(Ord. 973, 5/12/1997, §1)

**§1-402. Membership.**

1. The Planning Commission shall consist of five members, all of whom shall be citizens of the Borough of Philipsburg of Centre County, Pennsylvania.
2. The term of office of the members shall be four years and should expire on December 31, or until a successor is appointed, except that the terms of the members first appointed shall be so fixed that no more than two shall be reappointed during any future calendar year. In the event of vacancies, the Borough Council shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. No more than two members shall be members of the Borough Council.
3. No compensation shall be received by members of the Planning Commission.

(Ord. 973, 5/12/1997, §2; as amended by A.O.)

**§1-403. Powers and Duties.**

1. The Planning Commission shall, at the request of the Borough Council, have the power and shall be required to:
  - A. Prepare the Comprehensive Plan for the development of the Borough as set forth in the MPC and present it for the consideration of the Borough Council.
  - B. Maintain and keep on file, records of its actions. All records and files of the Planning Commission shall be in the possession of the Borough Council.
2. The Planning Commission at the request of the Borough Council may:
  - A. Make recommendations to the Borough Council concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.

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- B. Prepare and present to the Borough Council of the Borough, a zoning ordinance and make recommendations to the Borough Council on proposed amendments to it.
- C. Prepare, recommend and administer Subdivision and Land Development [Chapter 22] and Planned Residential Development regulations.
- D. Prepare and present to the Borough Council of the Borough a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
- E. Do such other acts or make studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the MPC.
- F. Prepare and present to the Borough Council of the Borough an environmental study.
- G. Submit to the Borough Council of the Borough a recommended capital improvements program.
- H. Prepare and present to the Borough Council of the Borough a water survey which shall be consistent with the State Water Plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
- I. Promote public interest in and understanding of the Comprehensive Plan and planning.
- J. Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- K. Hold public hearing and meetings.
- L. Present testimony before any board.
- M. Require from other departments and agencies of the Borough such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency.
- N. In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and land surveys with the consent of the owner.
- O. Prepare and present to the Borough Council a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the Borough.

- P. Review the Zoning Ordinance [Chapter 27] Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance [Chapter 22], official map, provisions for planned residential development and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the Comprehensive Plan.

(Ord. 973, 5/12/1997, §3)

**§1-404. Responsibilities.**

The Planning Commission may, with the consent of the Borough Council, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by the County, the Commonwealth or the Federal government or any of their agencies or from private sources. The Borough Council may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or utilization of the funds or assistance in accordance with the governmental procedures of the Borough.

(Ord. 973, 5/12/1997, §4)

