

Council Meeting Monday April 17th 2023

Updates on Zoning

I first would like to remind the council and public on the importance of zoning for Reynoldsville in order to obtain necessary grants to fund our community and protect its future. In the state of Pennsylvania 1,720 municipalities have zoning of which 1,603 have enacted their own zoning ordinance and 137 are covered by a county ordinance. 821 municipalities do not have zoning.

We have been in touch with a representative from the Northwest planning commission (Terri Cunkle) who will work with us on the process of zoning for Reynoldsville. The process is expected to take approximately 2-3 years start to finish. Also, it is expected by Cunkle that the monies necessary for this project will be available through funding grants.

Addressing the need for a zoning committee - I have been informed that it is not necessary to have a separate committee and that the council itself can appoint 3-4 of its members to act as zoning committee whose job would be to ensure that zoning codes are met and upheld.

Last

After investigation of the Pennsylvania Municipalities planning code it has been found in Article 6 Section 605 that any municipality, other than a county, which enacts a zoning ordinance, no part of such municipality shall be left unzoned. I think it is important to remember that zoning also provides for protection of the community as well as making available numerous grants for progress and maintenance.