

**Town of Bethany Beach
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
January 19, 2019**

The Bethany Beach Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Meeting Room.

Present: Lew Killmer, Diane Fogash, Scott Edmonston, Jim Sirkis, Mike Boswell and Susan Frederick (Building Inspector).

Excused Members: John Gaughan

Also present: Molly Daisey, Assistant Town Clerk and interested members of the public.

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Fogash made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Edmonston the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion/Approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes of November 17, 2018

Mr. Sirkis made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fogash and unanimously approved.

Announcements/Comments/Updates

There was no update from the Non-Residential Design Review Committee.

At the Town Council meeting yesterday, the Council voted to increase the fine for people not cleaning up after their dogs, also approved was the Town Council Procedure and Protocol Manual, improvements to the Loop Canal and the purchase of new parking pay stations.

Last night there was a Public Hearing held regarding a five-foot wide pedestrian pathway, in the public right of way, on the south side of Collins Street, from Half Moon Drive to Kent Avenue.

Public Comment/Questions for the Planning Commission

New Business:

**A. Discuss and possible vote on an application to combine 515 and 517
Laurma Lane, Lots 52 and 53, Block 142 into one parcel**

Mr. Killmer confirmed all requirements were met. Ms. Frederick read into the record:

This is a request to combine 515 and 517 Laurma Lane, Lots 52 and 53, Block 142 into one parcel. Tax map and parcel 1-34-13.19-252.00 and 1-34-13.19-253.

The owners of the above referenced property, Carl J. and Desiree F. Castagna are requesting that their two lots be combined into one parcel. The properties are currently improved with a single-family dwelling that is located on both sides.

In January of 1981, the Castagnas applied for and were given a building permit to construct a dwelling on lots 52 and 53. At that time, they were not required to combine the lots. Town records still show them as two lots and they currently receive two separate tax bills. There is a note in the Town's records for 515 Laurma Lane (Lot 53) that states that it is non-buildable. I have found only one Subdivision Code from (I think) the late 1970's and there is nothing on combining in it or relocation of lot lines.

The Castagnas are selling the property and the new owner may want to construct additions or a new dwelling. Combining these two lots will correctly show the current conditions and will clarify setbacks.

Mr. Sirkis made a motion to approve the application to combine 515 and 517 Laurma Lane, Lots 52 and 53, Block 142 into one parcel. Ms. Fogash seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2019, if a meeting is needed.

If there is a meeting in June it will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Adjourn:

Ms. Fogash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Edmonston seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Molly Daisey, Admin. Asst.