

## Chapter 51

# PLANNING COMMISSION

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Whitehall 4-6-83 as Ord. No. 662. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

### GENERAL REFERENCES

Administration - See Ch. 5.  
Subdivision of land - See Ch. 157.  
Zoning - See Ch. 180.

**§ 51.1.        Establishment; purpose.**

The Whitehall Borough Planning Commission is hereby established pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 622,<sup>1</sup> to serve as an advisor to the Council of the Borough of Whitehall and its appointed management staff and to perform those duties authorized and required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 5, Administration.

<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.

**§ 51.2. Membership; compensation.**

The Whitehall Borough Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) persons who are residents of the Borough of Whitehall and who shall serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed, with prior approval of the Council, for expenses incurred in carrying out their Commission duties.

**§ 51.3. Rules of procedure.**

The Planning Commission is authorized and empowered to make and alter such rules and regulations for its own organization and procedure as are necessary and as are consistent with the ordinances of the Borough of Whitehall and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**§51.4. Powers and duties.**

The Planning Commission shall, at the request of Council, have the power and shall be required to:

51.4.1. Prepare such plans as are required by the ordinances of the Borough of Whitehall and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.<sup>3</sup>

51.4.2. Maintain and keep on file records of its actions.

51.4.3. Make recommendations to Council concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.

51.4.4. Present to Council, from time to time, recommendations on proposed amendments to the borough's Zoning Ordinance.<sup>4</sup>

51.4.5. Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code<sup>5</sup> and to prepare, recommend and administer development and redevelopment activity in the Borough of Whitehall as authorized in the Urban Redevelopment Law<sup>6</sup>. **[Amended 6-18-97 by Ord. No. 869.]**

51.4.6. Hold public hearings and meetings.

51.4.7. Require from other departments and agencies of the borough such available information as relates to the work of the Planning Commission.

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<sup>3</sup> Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.

<sup>4</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 180, Zoning.

<sup>5</sup> Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.

<sup>6</sup> Editor's Note: See 35 P.S. §1701, et seq.

51.4.8. In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and surveys with the consent of the owner.

51.4.9. Do such other acts and make such other studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Municipalities Planning Code.<sup>7</sup>

**§ 51.5. Review of Borough Engineer.**

In the performance of its powers and duties, any act or recommendation of the Planning Commission which involves engineering considerations shall be subject to the review and comments of the Borough Engineer, which comments shall be incorporated and separately set forth in any report, written act or recommendation of the Planning Commission.

**§ 51.6. Reports.**

The Planning Commission shall, from time to time, report to the Council.

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<sup>7</sup> Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.