

Swatara Township Planning Commission
July 7, 2016

Board Members in attendance were Scott McFeaters, Dick Musser, Dean Patches, and Ward Sigler.

At 7:30 p.m. the Planning Commission meeting was convened by Ward Sigler. Jeff Werner was not able to attend.

Dean Patches addressed the Commission to explain that the request from the last meeting to utilize the planning commission to review ordinances instead of the professional services was discussed with the professional staff. The professional staff understood the concerns. The Board of Supervisors are trying to be very mindful of the cost associated with these services but the Ordinance Workshops are proving to be very beneficial. The professional insight is hopefully providing the appropriate direction so the township does not need to address the same issue multiple times at an elevated cost. Mr. Sigler explained that the proposal had not been made as a matter of expense but rather a better use for the planning commission.

Ward Sigler moved to accept the minutes as is. Seconded by Scott McFeaters. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other Business

Road Safety – an overview of recent activity was provided by Dean Patches. Stop bars had been installed on N. Lancaster, N. Mill and Old Rt 22. Ward Sigler commented that they are most effective. Trees will be removed. Inlet boxes and pipes have been replaced. If time and funding allow, work will be done on Darkes to address a drainage issue. Mowery Road had a pipe installed. Work was completed on Old Jonestown Road near the intersection with New Bunker Hill Street. A recommendation was made for additional signage to be installed as a warning for line painting and street sweeping.

Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinances had been provided by Attorney Gallo and Light Heigel. After review of the ordinances, the Jonestown Borough's ordinance will be again reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. The appropriate amount of time for snow removal was deemed to be 24 hours.

Amusements

The various sample ordinances were discussed and will be included on the August Workshop for discussion under Old Business.

SALDO

Corrections as provided by the Township Engineer were discussed. Other ordinances will be provided for review in an effort to find an existing ordinance that eliminates the cumbersome nature of the current township SALDO.

Adjournment

With no further comments or discussion Ward Sigler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Seconded by Dick Musser. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Harding