

Swatara Township Planning Commission
October 6, 2016

Board Members in attendance were Dick Musser Scott McFeaters, Dean Patches, Ward Sigler, Jeff Werner, Mickey Gartlan, Jennifer Harding and two residents.

Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Ward Sigler moved to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded by Jeff Werner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

Bean et.al Subdivision Plan

This is a subdivision of a lot with two existing homes to become two lots with a home on each. Both have sewer and a clean letter has been provided by the Township Engineer. A mylar copy will be requested from Matthew & Hockley.

Jeff Werner moved to recommend approval of the subdivision for the Bean family.
Seconded by Ward Sigler. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the history of the New Bunker Hill area of the Township.

Road Safety

Tree trimming is underway. Line painting occurred. There is discussion of pushing the bank back at N. Lancaster Street & Mowery for better sight distance. It was reported that the shoulder is breaking up in the northbound lane of N. Lancaster Street near Creek Lane. This section of the meeting is to be renamed Township Report.

New Business

Discussion was also held that the Ash trees are dying and will eventually become problematic since so many ash trees are located along roads.

Animals in residential zoning districts were discussed for future discussion.

Sidewalks Streets and Driveway Ordinance Revision based upon comments from the Solicitor.
§102 – Include language to include not only obtain a permit but payment of the applicable fee.

Agreeable with \$40.00 permit set by resolution

§103 – “Commonwealth” needs to be capitalized and the permit time for approval or denial should be changed to 30 days.

§103.A – this is a section on streets why are there driveway requirements listed here?

§104 – Review existing fee resolution – agreed

§106 – PC feels that both Applicant and Permittee should be included in the definitions. This way the homeowner would be absolved of liability if they have a contractor that damages a road.

§108 – The question was asked if this section should be replaced with a resolution regarding financial security

§111 – Agreed to change from District Justice to Magisterial District Justice

§210 – PennDot should be added to definition section

§210.A – Curbs can be slated or rolled but No bituminous curbing. There should also be a note that the existing curbing must be matched in style. The concrete must be matched and no testing of core samples.

§207 – Should be changed to Road Master, Road Foreman or Township Engineer

§210C – line 4 – should read Six (6). There should also be the inclusion of wire to be installed in the sidewalk at a driveway.

§201 – May should be a Shall – Must be installed by a certified licensed contractor.

§204 – Registered and Certified, remove the OR. Also change 45 days to 9 months.

§213 – Penalty section should be reworked. Fines should include a range

§301 – Remove definition of Business Day and Business Hours

§302.A – 24 Hours

§303 – Roofs – Remove this section

§304 – Remove this section

§305 – same as section 213.

Part 4 – Remove

Part 5 – Driveways

§502E – Change Road Master to Board of Supervisors

§502S – Make change to Department

§502T, Y1, AA and 505 – The Solicitor is to establish the appropriate wording

§502 Y.2 – Changes Code Enforcement Officer to Board of Supervisors

§505.A.1 – Change typo to commence

§505.A.5 – Change typos to drawing remaining and collected

§505.B.2 – Change language as suggested by the Solicitor to include wording that a permit can be revoked without a hearing for any misrepresentations on the permit application.

§505.B.2 – Change typo to township

§21 Attachment 2-5 – Change to the updated driveway permit application and change permit application to include wording that the permit can be revoked if any information contained on the application was misrepresented or determined to be inaccurate or false.

Special Event Ordinance was tabled.

Zoning Ordinance §2002 review was tabled.

Adjournment

With no further comments or discussion, Dick Musser moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Ward Sigler. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Harding