

Swatara Township Planning Commission
January 5, 2017

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

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

Reorganization

Jeff Werner announced that all offices were vacant and asked Jennifer Harding to serve as temporary Chairperson.

Ward Sigler stated that the people holding offices in 2016 was working well and moved that the current people holding offices continue for 2017. Seconded by Dick Musser. All voted in favor; motion carried. Jeff Werner stated all office nominations were closed.

Jeff Werner moved that the following people would hold the 2017 offices: Jeff Werner, Chairman, Ward Sigler, Vice Chairman and Dick Musser, Secretary. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Minutes

Mickey Gartlan read the minutes.

Ward Sigler moved to approve the minutes with corrections as discussed including the deletion of the first paragraph under Old Business. Seconded by Dick Musser. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

Supervisor Patches requested that site visits be made before issuing permits be added to the January Workshop agenda. Patches confirmed that the Planning Commission Board supports this procedure before issuing any permits.

Township Report

Jeff Werner stated that he drove the intersection of Route 72/Bunker Hill/Thompson Avenue which was discussed at the last meeting. He noted the intersection approach was very clear and noted the improvement with the trimming of trees and shrubs and work done by Penn DOT. One shrub remains high; it was recommended Penn Dot be contacted.

The trimming of trees on Mowery Road continues. The work will eventually pull the bank back and a swale will be added. A driveway on Pine Meadow was irrigated. The previous fuel spill issue at 180 Lickdale Road has been closed. The Board of Supervisors appointed Lewis Environmental as the 2017 Environmental Issues Agent for the Township. A bloodborne pathogen discussion took place. The Codes and Zoning report for December was reviewed.

Ordinance Review

A summary report of 2017 ordinance agenda items was reviewed.

Fences, Walls and Hedges Ordinance-discuss whether set backs and guidelines are needed.

Ag District zoning-review manure storage.

Ward Sigler moved to recommend the Board of Supervisors have the Official Map document be reviewed by Attorney Colleen Gallo. Seconded by Jeff Werner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Ordinance Chapter 27 Part 14 was distributed for review in preparation to discuss at the February meeting. Jennifer Harding stated that the building specifications need to be updated to mirror the Municipal Building Code requirements.

Dick Musser recommended that Zoning Officer, Matt Sauers review Part 14 and provide recommendations where each paragraph should be properly placed under the appropriate ordinance. The Planning Commission will discuss the zoning officer recommendations.

Adjournment

Jeff Werner moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09p.m. Seconded by Dick Musser. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mickey Gartlan/Jennifer Harding