

Swatara Township Planning Commission
February 2, 2017

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

Due to the absence of Mr. Werner, vice chairman Sigler called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m.

Minutes

Mickey Gartlan read the minutes. There was a discussion regarding the manure storage reference in the minutes.

Dean Patches moved to approve the January 5th minutes. Seconded by Scott McFeaters. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

Township Report

Supervisor Patches provided a Township Report. The township's roadcrew has been spending most of their time salting during icy conditions, continuing road improvements on Mowery Road and they will be replumbing the airlines in the shop. The lines are being updated for safety concerns.

Mr. Patches also presented the Zoning Officer's report. Although there were few permits issued in the last month, there was compliance reported at a situation in Rockwood involving an illegally parked camper.

Mr. Sigler expressed his displeasure that more progress had not been made at the Ordinance Workshop involving the direction given by the Board of Supervisors to the Zoning Officer. Mr. Sigler feels that more regularly scheduled visits by the Zoning Officer should be mandated instead of leaving this to the Zoning Officer's discretion.

Ordinance Review

Fences, Walls and Hedges

Two samples were provided by the Zoning Officer for consideration. A revision and the last adopted Ordinance revision #2015-05. Both samples were considered and reviewed. The following recommendations were made:

Ordinance #2015-05 will be used in its entirety with hedges being omitted.
Section A.5 from the other sample will be included in the list of fence requirements.
Part B and C from the sample will be included into what was Ordinance #2015-05 before the section on Maintenance.

Mr. Patches moved to authorize the township staff to assemble a Fence and Wall ordinance based upon their recommendations for review at the Board of Supervisors meeting next week. Seconded by Mr. Musser. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Luch Stormwater Plan

This plan has been submitted and approved by the Township engineer. This item was discussed as a sample on how the township regulations can be improved moving forward regarding stormwater planning to ensure implementation of proposed plans.

Chapter 27 - Part 20

The Zoning Officer has made the changes as recommended by the Planning Commission at the last meeting. Those changes were presented. The Zoning Officer is to proceed in the same manner through the remainder of this part.

New Business

Holding Tank Ordinance

The Township does not currently have a Holding Tank Ordinance in place. Two sample ordinances were provided for consideration. This item will be addressed at a future meeting after the samples can be reviewed.

Pending – Misty Glen Properties

A plan was delivered to the township but it was not submitted in time for inclusion on the Planning Commission's February agenda. This item will be on the March agenda for consideration.

Adjournment

Mr. Sigler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Seconded by Dick Musser. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mickey Gartlan
Jennifer Harding