

Swatara Township Planning Commission
March 1, 2018

Board Members in attendance were Scott McFeaters, Dean Patches, Ward Sigler and Steve Steiner

Ward Sigler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

The Planning Commission Minutes from February 1, 2018 were read.

Ward Sigler moved to approve the February Minutes. Seconded by Steve Steiner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

Township Report

Dean Patches reported that the Zoning Hearing decision has been received for the Kreiser Variance request. The Board of Supervisors has taken action to authorize an appeal be filed regarding this decision. Ward Sigler commented that the Zoning rules are there for a reason.

Public Comments

John Light from 689 N. Lancaster Street was present to discuss the possibility of him building three boiler houses. He is still in the preliminary discussion phase with an engineer. They are preparing a feasibility study. The plan process was discussed.

Scott McFeaters arrived at 8:11 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the planning process and how most plans proceed rather smoothly with only a few exceptions noted.

Brian Martin Dairy Land Development / Brian Martin Poultry Land Development

A new plan has been received from Red Barn changing Mr. Martin's planned agricultural operation from a dairy to three poultry houses.

Ward Sigler moved to treat the Brian Martin Poultry Land Development Plan as a new submittal once the dairy plan has been withdrawn. Seconded by Dean Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Swatara Township Comprehensive Plan

Information had been e-mailed to the members regarding the Comprehensive Plan requirements in the Municipalities Planning Code. Members were asked if copies were needed. Until a price for a plan upgrade is received from Gannett Fleming, there is no need for further discussion.

New Business

State Police Service Fee

The Governor has included in his budget proposal a fee for State Police to be paid by Municipalities that do not have a full-time police force. The fee is proposed at a rate of \$25.00 per resident. Ward Sigler provided the contact information for Senator Folmer and Representative Diamond so comments can be provided.

Discussion was held regarding the Township's ordinance which allows more than one primary structure on a parcel. This matter will be discussed at a workshop.

Adjournment

Ward Sigler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Seconded by Scott McFeaters. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Harding