

Swatara Township Planning Commission
August 2, 2018

Board Members in attendance were Ward Sigler, Steve Steiner and Jeff Werner.

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

Minutes

The minutes were read and approved as read.

Old Business

Township Report – Jennifer Harding

A report was provided on the impact of the recent heavy rains and flooding through the township.

Ward Sigler requested that Stormwater Management be added to the planning commissions monthly agenda.

John Light Poultry Land Development Plan – John Light

Mr. Light expressed his concerns, questions and dissatisfaction with the review process which included:

- Why is there a need for a wetland study when no one else can be impacted?
- No accountability for any of the engineers involved should the construction fail.
- The process is onerous with too many regulations which in turn take time and cost him money.
- Why there are so many agencies involved with the review and all they do is collect fees but their input is meaningless?
- Why in modern times do the engineers rely on mailing letters for comments?
Every round of comments takes 30 days and costs him more money.
Why does it take weeks to respond?
- Even though the planning commission has no authority they should pass on the word that they need to get the ball moving because this process is too long. There is no excuse for it.
- If the engineers are conforming to the same law why it takes so long and why are they not providing the appropriate information to move the plan along?
- Why can't the township engineer tell him what he needs and/or design the project so the process can proceed quickly?
- He currently has no say with the Township's Engineer and little say with Red Barn but it is his plan.
- Of all the comments on the first page, what involves the Township's interest?
Nothing.
- Why does the Township need the plans 11 days prior to a meeting for submittal?
That costs people time and money when nothing is happening.

The planning commission understood his frustration and encouraged him to bring these concerns to the Board of Supervisors so that they are aware of his dissatisfaction with the process.

Manure Storage

An informational sheet is to be prepared for residents.

New Business

1700 Hain Avenue Non-Building Declaration

The Sewage Enforcement Officer has approved the non-building declaration for 1700 Hain Avenue.

Ward Sigler moved to sign the 1700 Hain Avenue Non-Building Declaration. Seconded by Jeff Werner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Adjournment

Ward Sigler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Steve Steiner. All voted in favor; motion carried. Meeting declared adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding