

Swatara Township Planning Commission
May 2, 2019

Board Members in attendance were Terry Brandt, Frank Monosso, Dean Patches, Steve Steiner and Jeff Werner.

Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes stand approved as read.

Old Business

Township Report

Dean Patches provided an update of the Township's activities.

Ordinance Review:

Wedding Venue Zoning – Event Venue Zoning

An inquiry is to be sent to Light-Heigel and the Township's Solicitor to see how this use would be handled?

High Grass Regulations

The suggested language from the February meeting, If a person owns 2 acres and mowed last year, they would need to mow this year - was rejected as too vague and ambiguous by the Township's Solicitor.

International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)

Copies of the 2018 IPMC have been received. They are currently under review to see how it differs from the 2012.

New Business

Jeff Werner questioned the advertisement in the Daily News regarding Barking Dogs. It was explained that the section of the code – Chapter 2, part 2-205 has been unenforceable and action was taken at the last meeting to repeal just that section. It involves barking dogs. The Township has not had any success with enforcing that section of the code.

Vacation Rentals

Last week the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the lower courts decision regarding Vacation Rentals. It has now been determined that Vacation rentals must be allowed in a zoning ordinance to be an allowed use. Discussion was had as to the use of Conditional Use for this use.

Adjournment

Terry Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Steve Steiner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding