

Swatara Township Planning Commission
September 5, 2019

Board Members in attendance were Terry Brandt, Dean Patches, Steve Steiner and Jeff Werner. Also, in attendance was Colleen Gallo, Solicitor

Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes were approved as read with a change to be made to the High Grass and Weed Regulation. The word “until” is to be replaced with “the distance to the property line, whichever is less”.

The Board Members took a few moments to discuss possible candidates to fill the vacancy.

Old Business

Subdivision v Uses

Discussion was held regarding the sliding scale chart for agricultural development. Two changes were recommended.

1. Change the language to improve the definitions of Use. Options are being
 - a. Use – Principal
 - b. Use – Accessory
2. The establishment of a use is triggered by the need for a septic system.

Discussion was also held that the square footage for a permissible farm-related occupation or business be increased from 2,500 square feet to 5,000 square feet as referenced in §27-602.1.N.

A suggestion was made to post information on the Township’s webpage stating that “Most projects require a permit. Please call the Township for more information”.

Short Term Rentals (STR’s)

The list of requirements for STR’s was discussed. Atty. Gallo is compiling the list for the Planning Commission to review. A permit will be required and the recommended fee is \$50.

Floodplain Ordinance

This item is to be removed from the agenda. No action.

Stormwater Permits

The need for stormwater permits were discussed and samples will be provided at the next meeting.

Adjournment

With no further action or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Harding