

Swatara Township Planning Commission
August 1, 2019

Board Members in attendance were Terry Brandt, 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.

Communications

Frank Monosso - E-mailed his resignation from the Planning Commission. Read to the Board.

Arianne Day – Letter outlining her opposition to Short Term Rentals. Read to the Board.

Old Business

Short Term Rentals (STR's)

Jeff Werner abstained, form on file. Discussion was held regarding not only the previously discussed zoning districts that STR's will be recommended – R-1, RF, C and AG but also the required size of the lot.

Steve Steiner moved to recommend that in the four zoning districts previously discussed, the lot of an STR could not be smaller than 2 acres. Seconded by Terry Brandt. Three voted in favor; Mr. Werner abstained. Motion carried.

The County's permitting fee for STR's was also discussed. The Township may request a copy of an STR's permit from Lebanon County at the time they submit a permit application to the Township.

High Grass and Weed Regulation

Township Code §10-302.I – The last line of this section will be recommended for a change in wording. "Grass shall be mowed within 100' of an occupied structure or the distance to the property line, whichever is less.

IPMC

Chapter 3 of the IPMC was reviewed. The following sections are being recommended for removal at the time the 2018 version is adopted:

- 304.2 – Protective Treatment
- 304.3 – Premises Identification
- 304.5 – Foundation Walls
- 304.13.1 – Glazing
- 304.13.2 – Openable Windows
- 304.14 – Insect Screens

Discussion was held about the Township allowing one tarped vehicle per property.

Adjournment

Dean Patches moved to adjourn the meeting at 9.59 p.m. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding