

**Swatara Township Planning Commission**  
**February 6, 2020**

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.

Also, in attendance were representatives from Lebanon County. Jon Fitzkee, Lebanon County Transportation Planner, and Bill Wilson, Wilson Consulting, were present to present the various options for the Levan's Bridge, which is currently Closed. Fifteen residents were on hand to discuss the future of the bridge. The residents in attendance were in favor of the bridge reopening. Their request was for the future of the bridge to be at least as large and strong as Levan's bridge had been when constructed. The County Representatives will take these recommendations into consideration when preparing their presentation to the County Commissioners for the priority ranking of the various bridges in need of repair / replacement.

The bridge discussion ended at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Wilson left but Mr. Fitzkee stayed to discuss the I-81 Corridor project. After review of the project criteria it was determined that there would be no significant impact from Swatara Township on the I-81 Corridor.

#### Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected. Mr. Zimmerer's name had been misspelled and will be corrected in the final minutes.

#### Short Term Rentals (STR's)

A recommendation had been made from the Board of Supervisors to consider reducing the acreage requirement proposed on STR's from 2 acres to less restrictive acreage requirement. The acreage suggestion and the potential of making this item a Conditional Use, were discussed in detail. It was determined that because of previously discussed neighbor issues, the need for additional parking and septic system issues, the two-acre requirement was necessary. The diverse nature of the Township does not support setting requirements for consideration as a Conditional Use.

Steve Steiner moved to recommend no changes to the initial recommendation and maintain the two-acre minimum in the previously established zoning districts. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

#### Stormwater Ordinance

A starting point for stormwater discussion was presented. The changes would include a new category for stormwater work being performed in existing developments and areas constructed prior to MS4 regulations. The square footage thresholds for land development and subdivision are also being restructured. The Planning Commission would like to continue the discussion at the next Ordinance Workshop.

Setbacks for accessory structures will also be addressed at the workshop scheduled for February 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding