

Swatara Township Planning Commission
May 7, 2020

Board Members in attendance remotely through WebEx were Terry Brandt, Dean Patches and Jeff Werner. Supervisor Bering was also in attendance.

Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and asked each attendee listed on the screen, in turn, if they were in attendance to confirm everyone could hear and be heard.

Minutes

Mr. Werner asked those in attendance if there were any corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. With no corrections, the minutes stand approved as printed.

OLD BUSINESS

Floodplain Ordinance

The revised ordinance was reviewed.

Terry Brandt moved to recommend the Supervisors adopt the updated Floodplain Ordinance. Seconded by Dean Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

IPMC

Discussion was held regarding the glazing process

Dean Patches moved to recommend the exclusion of all previously discussed sections of the IPMC; Sections 304.2, 304.3, 304.5, 304.13.1, 304.13.2, and 304.14. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Stormwater Application

The status of the Stormwater Application was questioned. An application should be available for the next meeting.

S. Lancaster Street Bridge

The bridge will be closed beginning Monday, May 11th and the work should last 207 days.

NEW BUSINESS

Accessory Structures

Discussion was held regarding the need for clarification for the Zoning Officers to differentiate when an accessory structure must abide by the setbacks in 27-1402 or the setbacks established in the charts in each zoning district. The Planning Commission decided to set the parameters based upon the size of the structure.

Terry Brandt moved to recommend that accessory structures or sheds that are no larger than 180 square feet shall not be permitted within five feet of any side or rear lot line. Any accessory structures or sheds that are larger than 180 square feet shall not be permitted within fifteen feet of a side or rear lot line. Seconded by Dean Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Discussion was held about the possibility of a property owner in Monroe Valley may be considering the option to preserve their property into a conservation easement through the

Lebanon Valley Conservancy in conjunction with the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation. The various requirement for preservation were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Werner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Dean Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding