

**Swatara Township
Ordinance Workshop
June 24, 2020**

Those in attendance were Supervisor Bering, Supervisor Kreitzer and Supervisor Patches, Jeff Werner, Terry Brandt, Ed Fisher from Light-Heigel, and Attorney, Colleen Gallo.

Supervisor Kreitzer called the meeting to order 8:34 a.m.

Ordinance Discussion

Accessory Structures

Permitted uses in the R-2 Medium-Density Residential District were discussed as the requirements pertain to Accessory Structures in Townhomes. It was determined that Section §27-902.1.C.7.a and b will be removed and replaced with wording that one detached accessory structure in townhomes will be allowed. The detached structure will be no more than 100 square feet in size, with one wall no larger than 10 feet in length. The structure's color and design will be consistent with the primary structure. Attorney Gallo will prepare the necessary wording for review by the Board of Supervisors.

In-Home Businesses

Discussion was held that in-home businesses are adequately represented in the ordinance. The focus of future discussion will be directed to the conditional uses of Commercial Uses in Residential Districts. This topic will be included on the August Planning Commission meeting agenda.

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are not currently defined or addressed in the Codification. Atty. Gallo will provide wording for future discussion.

Short Term Rentals

A sample Ordinance and Resolution were provided for review. The ordinance language was found to be acceptable. Recommendations were made for the removal of sections in the Resolution which were deemed to be impossible to enforce. Page 3, 4.d which required a copy of the recorded deed will be removed. Page 3, 4.e which required a copy of the current insurance policy will be removed and Page 4.D required an outdoor box with a manifest of occupants will be removed. These documents will be revised by Atty. Gallo.

Zoning Ordinance Revisions

The Codification had previously included language allowing for farm animals in the R1 and R2 districts if the parcel was at least 10 acres in size. That language had been inadvertently removed. Discussion was held that farm animals less than a CAO will be allowed in R1 districts on lots no less than five acres in size.

Swatara Mobile Home Park – DEP Planning Module

The revised planning module was submitted for consideration for the Swatara Mobile Home Park to eliminate their package plant and transition the Park to sanitary sewer.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to sign the planning module documents. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Building Maintenance

An estimate was received for the replacement of the skylight. Another contractor was contacted but they have not made contact with the Township. Additional contractors were recommended.

Bunker Hill Fire Company

In the course of establishing the 501(c)(3) designation through Reilly Wolfson Law Offices, the Bunker Hill Fire Company is also establishing policies addressing child welfare checks, background checks and a drug and alcohol policy for the entire company. The billing for these additional items will be itemized on the 501(c)(3) invoice which will be sent to the Township. The Fire Company is only notifying the Township that these items will be on the bill because the Fire Company will be reimbursing the Township for these expenditures.

Road Damage on Jessica Drive

Boger Concrete had an incident on Jessica Drive which resulted in damage to the edge of the road.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize the township to hire a third-party contractor to repair Jessica Drive. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Adjourn

Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding