

Swatara Township Planning Commission
March 4, 2021

Board Members in attendance were Terry Brandt, Dean Patches, Steve Steiner and Jeff Werner.

Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Werner asked that the minutes be read. With no changes or corrections, the minutes stand approved as read.

Old Business

Linford Snyder Poultry Land Development Plan – Dead End Road - Tabled

Wilmer Weaver Subdivision Plan – Lickdale Road

The plans were provided for signatures.

Draft Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Werner wanted to extend a ‘Thank you’ to the Supervisors for taking the time to listen to him and his family at the workshop on February 24th when they expressed their concerns about the STR ordinance. In the draft ordinance on page 5, #10 there was a question about the clarity of the requirements. Atty. Gallo will be contacted.

Steve Steiner moved to recommend the adoption of the revised Zoning Ordinance.

Seconded by Terry Brandt. Jeff Werner abstained. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Ordinance Discussion

Commercial Uses in other zoning districts – Home Based Businesses

It was determined that the Home-Based Business would be allowed by right in the R1 and Ag Districts. The lot size needs to be at least 2 acres and there would be no setback required.

Steve Steiner moved to recommend Home Based Businesses to the Supervisors for consideration. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Accessory Keeping of Animals

Discussion was held about categorizing the animals into grazing and non-grazing categories or by confined or not confined.

Jeff Werner moved to recommend the Accessory Keeping of Animals to the Supervisors.

Seconded by Terry Brandt. After additional discussion, Jeff Werner withdrew the motion.

Recreational Fires

Revisions were discussed pertaining to the enforceability. This matter is being forwarded to the Supervisors for their input.

Cannabis Allowances – Tabled

Gary & Patricia Marks Subdivision Plan

The plan was reviewed. A comment will be sent to the Township Engineer expressing some concerns of sewer disposal on lots 1 and 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding