

Swatara Township Planning Commission
April 1, 2021

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

Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes

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

The agenda was rearranged to accommodate the plans being represented by professional staff.

Gary & Patricia Marks Lot Addition Plan – Mike O’Donnell, SESi

Mr. Marks expressed his appreciation to the Township for waiving the review fees for his plan. Mr. O’Donnell explained that there are no changes being proposed for the land in Swatara Township. The lot addition plan will be taking 5 lots and breaking them into 4 lots. There are no construction improvements proposed on any lot. Swatara Township’s professional staff and Supervisors will provide comments at next week’s Township Meeting.

Northern Lebanon School District Sports Fields – Chad Smith, SESi

The NLSD will be installing a turf soccer and practice field with stormwater facilities. The stormwater design changed from the first submittal. Water will drain into a large basin with a berm around it. The water flow has been changed to it will flow away from Swatara Township. It is designed to handle a 100-year storm.

Jeff Werner moved to recommend approval of Swatara Township waiving review of the plan. Seconded by Steve Steiner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Old Business

Linford Snyder Poultry Land Development Plan – Dead End Road

Plan revisions were submitted that remove the planning for a home to the west of the proposed new road. A clean letter has been provided by Mr. Ramsey, the Township’s Engineer.

Jeff Werner moved to recommend approval of the Linford Snyder Land Development Plan on Dead End Road. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Dean Patches reported on two plans with open financial security.

John Light Land Development Plan - has not finalized his plan.

Brian Martin Land Development Plan – Mr. Ramsey found some deficiencies that need to be addressed before the bonding can be released.

Ordinance Discussion

Accessory Keeping of Animals

The planning commission members will review the draft proposal and bring suggestions for next month’s meeting.

Ag Based Business

A draft proposal was provided and the planning commission members will review it for the next meeting.

Recreational Fires is ready to send to the Supervisors for consideration.

Cannabis suggestions will be resent to the planning commission members for review.

Discussion was held regarding a webinar on High Cube Automated Warehouses. The suggestion of the webinar is to have two locations in the Township zoned industrial where they are allowed. This will be discussed with the solicitor and zoning officer.

Other discussion was held regarding various examples of recreational parks and suggestions were made should the Township proceed with developing any new parks. Mr. Werner commented on the merits of 'Better mental health for sharing concerns in the Community.'

ADJOURNMENT

Without further comment or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding