

**Swatara Township Planning Commission**  
**May 6, 2022**

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

Vice-Chairman Steve Steiner called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes stood approved as read.

Old Business

Ordinance Discussions:

I. Zoning Officer Recommendations

A. Stormwater Ordinance

Discussion continued from last month's presentation by Gannett Fleming for the revised stormwater ordinance. The purpose of the presentation was to outline the need to removed stormwater from the Saldo and place it in Chapter 17. Stormwater. The last time this ordinance was updated was 2005. DEP has since adopted a new sample ordinance for municipalities on which the recommendation from Gannet Fleming is based. The nine exemptions on page 10 were discussed. Item #9 needs clarification.

It was noted by Mr. Patches that Mr. Werner had recommended an allowance method for calculating stormwater. His proposal consisted of 1% of the total acreage being allowed without stormwater considerations. This suggestion was presented to Gannett Fleming and Mr. Patches had been informed that DEP does not allow exemptions to be based on percentages.

A request was made definitions of Stormwater Management site plan, Connected and Disconnected be provided at the next meeting. The meaning of the acronym IA needs to be presented as well.

A recommendation was made to remove the first two categories in the blue row of the flowchart which lists new impervious areas, earth disturbance and parcel size. A new category will replace those two. It will provide an exemption for projects under 180 square feet. These projects will be exempt from all stormwater requirements. Other changes include in the row of blue boxes: New Disconnected will be changed to New Disconnected IA < 180 – 2,500 SF. New Connected IA <180 - 2,500 SF.

Green Row Change: Under the New IA > 2,500 the green box will now indicate they must Submit SWM Site Plan professional designed.

A revised chart will be prepared and presented to Gannett Fleming for inclusion in the Attachment.

B. Small Project Stormwater Application – Tabled

C. Mobile Homes / Manufactured Homes – Tabled

D. Solar Arrays – Commercial / Accessory

Draft ordinances were distributed for discussion at the next meeting.

E. Dwelling Definitions – 27:17 and 27:18

The current and proposed definitions were discussed. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting.

F. Burning Ordinance

A draft ordinance has been provided by Atty. Gallo. The draft ordinance was reviewed against the existing ordinance.

Steve Steiner moved to recommend adoption of the open fire and burning ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

G. Zoning Ordinance

Discussion was held regarding the draft Zoning Ordinance that is pending.

Dean Patches moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the zoning ordinance be adopted. Seconded by Terry Brandt. All voted in favor; motion carried.

II. Linford Snyder Poultry Land Development Plan

Revised drawings are expected.

III. Linford Snyder Poultry Land Development Planning Module

Revised drawings are expected.

New Business - None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comment or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding