

Swatara Township Planning Commission

May 4, 2023

Board Members in attendance were Terry Brandt, Dean Patches, Steve Steiner and Jeff Werner. Brian Vragovich was absent. Also in attendance was Municipal Planner, Michelle Brummer

Chairman, Jeff Werner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes were approved as read with the correction to the word adjoining.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan – Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming.

Ms. Brummer provided a summary of a report from Penn State which provided statistics on the Municipal cost for different zoning districts. Costs for Residential developments far exceed all other zoning districts in the study.

A public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan will be held on June 1st during the Planning Commission meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be advertised and the draft Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the Township's website.

Discussion was held regarding areas within the zoning ordinance that needs amending to coincide with trends within the Township.

Questions were raised regarding the proposed limits on future development and how the Township will be able pay to for the services needed within the community. Information will be sought for the next meeting outlining the differences between municipal cost for Commercial Development versus Residential.

Mr. Werner stated that he is comfortable with the Comprehensive Plan as presented.

Stormwater - Tabled

New Business

Larch Lane – This matter is being referred to the Board of Supervisors. Concerns exist among the Planning Commission to ensure the Township is not responsible for the escrow for this sewer extension.

Northern Lebanon School Renovation

Dean Patches moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Township should review this plan. Seconded by Steve Steiner. All voted in favor; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding