

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2017**

PRESENT

Jennifer Kuntz
Mark Wenrich
Rob Edwards
Dana Taylor
Naomi Decker
Engineer Phillip Brath
Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer

GUESTS

See attached sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was noted that with the passing of Chairman Yerger a new Chairman needs to be appointed. There was discussion on who would want that position.

Motion: Mrs. Kuntz nominated Mrs. Taylor as Chairman of the Planning Commission. **Seconded** by Mr. Edwards. The motion carried.

With Mrs. Taylor previously being the Vice Chairman this position now needs to be filled.

Motion: Chairman Taylor nominated Mr. Wenrich as the Vice Chairman. **Seconded** by Mr. Edwards. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes as written of June 5, 2017. **Seconded** by Chairman Taylor. The motion carried. Mrs. Decker abstained since she was not at the meeting.

DEADLINE FOR PLAN SUBMISSION

The deadline for plan submission for the September 5, 2017 meeting is August 14, 2017.

PLAN REVIEWS

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Beverly Clymer Subdivision Waiver

Ms. Clymer is requesting a subdivision waiver with regard to combining her 3 parcels that were once subdivided.

Motion: Mrs. Decker made a motion to recommend the waiver request. **Seconded** by Chairman Taylor. It was noted that this land was previously subdivided and they want to recombine it. No subdivision plan is needed but a Declaration of Consolidation will need to be done and recorded at the courthouse. Engineer Brath indicated that the stormwater management plan may have to be modified. The motion carried.

Ronald & Kathleen Gingrich, Final Subdivision Plan, File #2017-05-03

Mr. & Mrs. Gingrich are requesting a time extension for their subdivision plan until December 13, 2017 in order to complete any outside agency action.

Motion: Mrs. Decker made a motion to grant the time extension on the Gingrich subdivision plan until December 13, 2017. **Seconded** by Vice Chairman Wenrich. The motion carried.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Gingrich asked what will be going forward with the proposal on steep slopes, will there be discussion? This needs to be cleaned up. Mrs. Gingrich also thanked the PC members for their work and asked if they have reviewed all of the documents including transcripts. There were 3 documents presented to the Commission and it was requested to make copies for the members to review before the next meeting. Mrs. Gingrich stated that the best management practices did not work on the mountain.

There were citizens in the audience that voiced their concerns about steep slopes and could they bring in pictures and any kind of documentation to present as evidence.

Mr. Ryan stated that there are safe guards in the new ordinance. The Emerson plan and Boyer court case should also be looked at. It was noted that everything will be site specific on steep slopes 15% or greater.

OTHER BUSINESS

Revisions to the Planning Commissions' Recommendations on Steep Slope

A copy of the BOS revisions on the steep slope recommendations had been received by the PC members. There was discussion and it was decided to take the revisions home to review and to be ready at the next PC meeting to discuss. It was noted to look at Sections 100.8 and 200.A for clarification.

Mr. Grove, a property owner, questioned the soil tests. It was noted that there are maps from the County with overlays showing the different soils in the township. These maps are available through the Agricultural Department.

Motion: Chairman Taylor made a motion to table discussion on the revisions until next month. **Seconded** by Mrs. Decker. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chairperson Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. **Seconded** by Mrs. Decker. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer,
Township Secretary