

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 2017**

PRESENT

Robert Yerger
Mark Wenrich
Rob Edwards
Dana Taylor
Engineer Phillip Brath
Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer

GUESTS

See attached sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yerger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Since Vice Chairman Bowers has resigned from the Planning Commission this vacancy needs to be filled.

Motion: Mr. Wenrich made a motion to appoint Dana Taylor as the Vice Chairman. **Seconded** by Mr. Edwards. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Yerger noted that there are only 2 members in attendance tonight of the quorum at the February meeting to approve the minutes. The MPC does not require approval of minutes of the Planning Commission but minutes can be accepted for the record.

Motion: Chairman Yerger made a motion to accept for the record the minutes of February 6, 2017 with which the Commission does not have a quorum. **Seconded** by Mrs. Taylor. The motion carried.

DEADLINE FOR PLAN SUBMISSION

The deadline for plan submission for the June 5, 2017 meeting is May 12, 2017.

PLAN REVIEWS

Old Business

1. Victor Neubaum – Hoffman Estate, Road Improvement Fees

Mr. Neubaum was present to represent the Hoffman Estate and to discuss the road improvement fees that need to be paid which is approximately \$11,000. The waiver that was requested was denied at both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to improve and the widening of one side of Range End Road. Mr. Neubaum reviewed the Reading Township, Adams County ordinance as a way to deal with this issue with a fee

in lieu of. This takes the burden off the family wishing to subdivide land. Warrington Township's ordinance was also discussed. It was questioned if the PC is interested in investigating this solution. Mr. Neubaum indicated that he would draft an ordinance for the PC. Engineer Brath noted that he had prepared a recommendation for a cost of the improvements at \$65. per square yard and also a lower option at \$50. per square yard. It was noted that the township solicitor also needs to review this recommendation. It was questioned if the PC is interested in modifying or exploring the difference between a minor plan vs. a major plan. There was discussion on the difference amounts of the road improvement fees. It was noted that counsel needs to get involved. The PC is not in favor of doing anything at this time. The proposal received from Engineer Brath will be discussed at the next BOS meeting.

New Business

1. Lamar Hess, Final Subdivision Plan, File #2017-04-06

Since there was no one present to represent this plan, the plan was not discussed. This will be placed on the agenda for next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the BOS will be having a workshop meeting this Wednesday, May 3 to discuss steep slopes.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no questions from the floor at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. **Seconded** by Mr. Wenrich. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer,
Township Secretary