

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 8, 2019

**PRESENT**

Jennifer Kuntz                      Engineer Phillip Brath  
Mark Wenrich                      Secretary Teresa Adams  
  
Dana Taylor  
David Christensen  
Todd Lyons

**GUESTS**

See attached sign-in sheet

**ABSENT**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dana Taylor and prayer said by Mark Wenrich.

**Appointment of Temporary Chairman**

Motion was made by Jennifer Kuntz to appoint Dana Taylor as Temporary Chairman.  
Second by Todd Lyons. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Chairman**

Motion was made by Todd Lyons to appoint Dana Taylor as Chairman.  
Second by David Christensen. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Motion was made by Chairman Taylor to appoint Mark Wenrich as Vice Chairman.  
Second by Mrs. Jennifer Kuntz. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes — December 3, 2018**

Motion was made by Mrs. Jennifer Kuntz to accept the minutes from December 3, 2018 PC Meeting as written.  
Second by Chairman Taylor. Motion carried.

**Deadline for Plan Submission January 14, 2019 for PC meeting February 4, 2019.**

**Plan Review**

**Old Business**

1. Williams Subdivision Plan Engineer Brath said a Time Extension request was submitted by the Williams' Engineer and granted by the BOS until March 31, 2019. Engineer Brath said the Williams' Engineer will appear before the BOS seeking plan approval which should not be a problem as the plan has been cleaned up.

## **New Business**

1. New Ideas - Engineer Brath said the PC should take time to go over the ordinances and review ones restricting use especially when it concerns business growth. Engineer Brath said an example would be the Zoning Ordinance, fix things in it the PC doesn't like, choose portions of it, specialize in those portions, look for things the PC members have a passion about and get them revised and up to the BOS. Engineer Brath said the PC has a very important role assisting the BOS with rules governing the Township. David Christensen asked if the PC could get the BOS to offer suggestions. Engineer Brath said the PC certainly wants to work closely with the BOS as the PC is the first line of defense. Jennifer Kuntz asked what it means to abolish Zoning. Engineer Brath said he is not in favor of abolishing Zoning; the County doesn't have a Zoning Ordinance but does have SALDO. Engineer Brath said he would recommend the PC fix the Zoning Ordinance as it has many loop holes.

Kevin Cummings 109 Chain Saw Road said his personal opinion is that he is not in favor of Zoning going away. Mr. Cummings said that he would like to see more variances approved than denied. Mr. Cummings said there needs to be sensible growth one that is business friendly and allows expansion. Mr. Cummings said the more work done at the PC level to correct Zoning the more money is saved not paying outside sources to do the research.

Todd Lyons said he is in favor of designating areas such as open space / commercial. Mr. Lyons said the flood plain section of the SALDO is no good and said it should be reviewed. Mr. Lyons said some of the zoning items need reversed to strengthen the SALDO. Vice Chairman Wenrich said the board needs to come up with an action plan on what to work on. Engineer Reese said his suggestion is to divide up the ordinances among the PC members to save time and be more efficient.

Engineer Reese said he would recommend starting with Zoning and correlate it with the SALDO. Chairman Taylor said the PC members own background and knowledge should be applied when choosing sections of the ordinances to review.

Jennifer Kuntz said Granny Flats and Livestock should be 2 areas the PC reviews first.

## **Questions from the Floor**

There were no questions from the floor.

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.**

Motion was made by Jennifer Kuntz to adjourn.

Second by Todd Lyons. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting — February 4, 2019 (subject to change if meeting falls on Holiday)**

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Adams, Secretary