

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Mark Oney presiding.

Members present: Mark Oney, Bob Early, Parin Shah, Wayne Bolt, Carrie Wetherbee, Pat Griffin Dr. William Suriano, Township Secretary Michele Clewell. (Attorney Todd Weitzman and Engineer Fred Courtright, P.E. was absent).

Christine Meinhart-Fritz and Eric Koopman of the Monroe County Planning Commission were present as well as members from the Middle Smithfield Township Economic Development Committee; Debbie Kulick, Beverly Brown, Carl Wilgus, Gina Bertucci, Ed Regina, and Township Supervisors Annette Atkinson and Mike Dwyer.

#### Approval of Minutes

Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections. Bill Suriano seconded the motion: Plan Reviews and Unfinished Business, "Nate Oiler of RKR Hess talked about the expansion of the old Friendly's restaurant", it should have read ...talked about the improvements. Bill Suriano also corrected the minutes under Discussion, the minutes should reflect his comment with regard to enforcement and "clarity", Is it proactive or reactive enforcement of the future sign ordinance?" Pat Griffin asked about the comments she made with regard to the proposed sign ordinance, Michele Clewell responded that all the comments were forwarded to Charlie Schmedl of URDC.

Motion passed to approve the minutes with the stated corrections 7-0.

#### **Plan Submittals**

None

#### **Plan Reviews and Unfinished Business**

None

#### **Reviews and /or Recommendations**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Continuing Education**

Land Use Decision Making Summer/Fall 2014 Webinar Series – Following a brief review and discussion, Carrie Wetherbee and Bill Suriano asked to be signed up for the series. Michele Clewell explained that the series, once completed can be sent to everyone that is unable to do the webinar series.

## **Discussion**

Monroe County 2030 Plan – Christine Meinhart-Fritz and Eric Koopman of the Monroe County Planning Commission presented the Monroe County 2030 Plan. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz stated that the public comment period continues for the next two (2) weeks as required under the MPC. This has been an (18) month process and over (40) individuals on the task force.

The quality of life for county residents is the purpose of the plan.

Financial Assistance Program through the county helps offset the costs associated with writing SALDO and Zoning Ordinances.

Bill Suriano asked how much will the “concept” of the Monroe County 2030 cost to implement, as there were no financials given.

Regional Comprehensive Plans lead the way to multi-municipal shared ordinances.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz stated that if anyone has anything they think should be changed on the map or any comments, that forms are available on the back table. Once the public period is completed; the comments are incorporated into the plan then given to the Monroe County Commissioners for approval and then implementation.

The Planning Commission members thanked Ms. Meinhart-Fritz and Mr. Koopman for the presentation and the EDC for attending the public meeting.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Adjourn**

Mark Oney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Parin Shah seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L. Clewell  
Township Secretary  
June 19, 2014