

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Mark Oney presiding.

Members present: Mark Oney, Bob Early, Parin Shah, Carrie Wetherbee, Wayne Bolt and Dr. William Suriano. Also in attendance, Planning Commission Solicitor Deborah Huffman, Esq. and Township Secretary Michele L. Clewell. (Fred Courtright, P.E. was absent)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to approve the September 17, 2015 minutes. Wayne Bolt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Plan Submittals

None

Plan Reviews and Unfinished Business

None

Reviews and/or Recommendations

An Ordinance of the Township of Middle Smithfield, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, setting forth an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Middle Smithfield, as Heretofore Amended, Amending Part Ii, "General Legislation", Chapter 200 "Zoning", Article Ix "Signs", Division 90sign Provisions", and Constituting A Comprehensive Revision of the Existing Division 90 "Sign Provisions"; and Providing for other Miscellaneous Matters – The proposed ordinance was distributed to the commission members. Review and comments will be provided at the next regular meeting, December 17, 2015.

An Ordinance of The Township of Middle Smithfield, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, Amending The Code of Ordinances of The Township of Middle Smithfield, as Heretofore Amended; Amending Part Ii, "General Legislation", Chapter 200 "Zoning"; Providing Use Category B2, Dwelling, Apartment Complex, shall be a Permitted Use In The C1 Zoning District; Adding a Density Limitation for Use Category B2, Dwelling, Apartment Complex; Amending the Requirements of an H8 No-Impact Home-Based Business as an Accessory Use; Amending and Restating Section 081-050, Enforcement; and Providing for other Miscellaneous Matters - The proposed ordinance was distributed to the commission members. Review and comments will be provided at the next regular meeting, December 17, 2015.

New Business

None

Discussion

None

Continuing Education

Carrie Wetherbee stated that she did participate in the training held October 21, 2015 and found it to be very informative. Ms. Wetherbee and Mr. Suriano both stated that when Penn State Co Op Extension hosts a webinar the link is sent out prior to the class; however; there were no emails from Mr. Peter Wulfhorst. They asked if Ms. Clewell could follow up on the lack of notification.

Public Comment

Carrie Wetherbee stated that the MST Historical Commission is hosting a luncheon on December 3, 2015 from Noon-2pm at the township. The luncheon will highlight the historical commission's events of 2015. Ms. Wetherbee stated that each member would receive an invitation and to please RSVP. There was discussion regarding the historical marker for the Mastodon that was discovered and Ms. Wetherbee stated that the historical commission is hoping to have a formal dedication in the spring of 2016.

Everyone congratulated Supervisor Elect Mark Oney.

Next Meeting

December 17, 2015 at 7pm

Adjournment

Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Wayne Bolt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L. Clewell
Recording Secretary