



MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 17, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Schoonover Municipal Building with Bob Early presiding.

Planning Commission members present: Bob Early, Parin Shah, Mark Oney, Wayne Bolt, and Dr. William Suriano. Also in attendance, Planning Commission alternate member Carrie Wetherbee, Planning Commission Solicitor Deborah Huffman, Esq. and Township Secretary Michele L. Clewell.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Parin Shah made a motion to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes. Wayne Bolt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Plan Submittals

None

Plan Reviews and Unfinished Business

None

Reviews and/or Recommendations

Proposed Sign Ordinance Revisions; the Planning Commission was provided the Proposed Sign Ordinance for their comments/recommendations. The Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7pm.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the proposed ordinance.

Attorney Huffman stated that she is surprised that the proposed ordinance is "content" based with regards to signs due to the Supreme Court case *Reed v. Towns of Gilbert*. Mark Oney asked Attorney Huffman to provide a letter expressing her concerns in order for the Board of Supervisors to discuss.

Parin Shah made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance and forward to the Board of Supervisors for their March 23, 2017 public hearing. Wayne Bolt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

None

Discussion

Zoning: None

SALDO; a draft redline of the SALDO, dated 09/07/2016 was provided for the commission members to review. The Planning Commission Engineer, Fred Courtright, P.E. also provided his written comments for consideration.

The planning commission members stated that they will extend the March 16, 2017 and the April 20, 2017 meeting until 7:30pm in order to review the SALDO.

Continuing Education

Penn State Winter/Spring Webinars: SALDO was the subject and Michele Clewell provided members copies of the power point presentation.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

March 16, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

Parin Shah made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm. Wayne Bolt Seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L. Clewell
Township Secretary