



## MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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

Planning Commission members present: Bob Early, Parin Shah, Mark Oney and Wayne Bolt. Alternate member Carrie Wetherbee was asked to participate as Dr. William Suriano was not present during the opening of the meeting, however he did join the meeting following the approval of the minutes. Also in attendance, Planning Commission Solicitor Deborah Huffman, Esq., Township Secretary Michele L. Clewell and one member of the public.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Wayne Bolt made a motion to approve the July 20, 2017 minutes. Carrie Wetherbee seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

### **Plan Submittals**

None

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

None

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

An Ordinance of the Township Of Middle Smithfield, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, Amending Part Ii, "General Legislation", Chapter 200 "Zoning", Of the Code of Ordinances Of The Township Of Middle Smithfield; Adding To Article IV, Division 44, a Section 044-090 Providing Supplementary Regulations for Short-Term Rental of Dwelling Units; Adding a Definition For "Short-Term Rental"; And Providing for Other Miscellaneous Matters; There was discussion regarding the number of people that can occupy the home. Mr. Early stated that if anyone has any comments, concerns or questions to please attend the supervisor's public hearing on September 14, 2017 at 7pm, where the proposed ordinance will be up for consideration.

Wayne Bolt made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance as written. Parin Shah seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Bill Suriano suggested that a summary of what and why an ordinance is being created be provided to the commission members. The overall consensus is that the way proposed ordinances are presented is satisfactory.

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; Adding A Chapter 150, Entitled "Short Term Rentals"- Wayne Bolt made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance as written. Parin Shah seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**New Business**

None

**Discussion**

Cancel and Re-Schedule the September 21, 2017 Meeting; Due to a scheduling conflict the members were asked to re-schedule their September meeting. Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to re-schedule the September 21, 2017 5:30pm meeting to September 21, 2017 at 12pm. Parin Shah seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Continuing Education**

Carrie Wetherbee stated that "PennDOT Connects Aligning Transportation Planning with Land Uses and Community Vision" was held August 16, 2017.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lipkind stated that with regard to the Short Term Rental proposed ordinances, he would like to suggest that the number of occupants to a home be increased as long as it is immediate family members that rent the dwelling unit. Mr. Early thanked Mr. Lipind for his comments and reminded him that the sueprvisors will hold a public hearing on September 14, 2017 at 7pm and public comment is welcome.

**Next Meeting**

September 21, 2017 12pm

**Adjournment**

Parin Shah made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59pm. Carrie Wetherbee seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele L. Clewell  
Township Secretary  
August 17, 2017

