

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Jan. 18, 2023

Commissioners in attendance:

Dennis Robinson, JR Crushong, Bicky Redman, Gary Deardorff, Jim McDannell, Eric Miller

Others in attendance:

Chris Santay, Township Supervisor, Lynda Beckwith, PMCA Assistant Zoning Officer, Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technology, Dale Graves, Dianna Moy, Bob Sharrah

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by Dennis Robinson, Chairman, at 7:00pm.
- **MOTION to amend the Agenda to include Re-Organization of the Planning Commission, by Eric Miller, seconded by Denny Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.**

RE-ORGANIZATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

- **MOTION to nominate Dennis Robinson as Chair of the Planning Commission for 2023, by Bicky Redman, seconded by Jim McDannell.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **MOTION to nominate Bicky Redman as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2023, by Denny Robinson, seconded by Eric Miller.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **MOTION to nominate Eric Miller as Secretary of the Planning Commission for 2023, by Bicky Redman, seconded by Jim McDannell.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2022 MINUTES

- **MOTION to approve November 2022 minutes, as amended, by Bicky Redman, seconded by Jim McDannell.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

SKETCH PLANS

- None

PLANS

Gate of Dawn Subdivision

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- The planning commission briefly reviewed three sets of comments on this subdivision request and determined that several outstanding issues needed addressing before the Commission could consider the request.
- Of note, Mr. Robert Sharrah (Sharrah Design Group) identified several proposed changes to the Township Zoning Ordinance, as described in written correspondence previously submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission flagged these items for note in the next Board of Supervisors meeting, and also for consideration in the upcoming Commission Annual Report.
- **MOTION to TABLE CONSIDERATION of the Gate of Dawn Subdivision request until outstanding issues are addressed and an update is provided, by Eric Miller, seconded by JR Crushong.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Annual Report

- Eric Miller noted that pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), the Planning Commission is required to “prepare a written report to the Board of Supervisors of its business activities, due by March 1st”, and that this report may “make recommendation to the governing body on proposed amendments [to the zoning ordinance].”
- Eric Miller volunteered to lead the effort in preparing this report, for consideration and approval at the February Planning Commission Meeting, which would include any such recommendations as mentioned earlier for amending Township ordinances.

Review of Volunteer Resume – Dale Graves

- The Commission noted Pat Schindel’s current term on the Commission ended on December 31, 2022, creating a vacant seat. Pat Schindel previously indicated her willingness to serve again, if needed, and Chris Santay noted the Board of Supervisors had recently received the application of Mr. Dale Graves.
 - Pat Schindel confirmed her desire to continue serving on the Planning Commission.

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- Dale Graves introduced himself, describing his interest and desire to become involved in the community and contribute his talents on the Planning Commission.
- The Commission discussed the prospects and merits of how to potentially fill the vacant seat. Several points were made including:
 - The value and benefit of maintaining experience and historical knowledge held by long-standing Commissioners.
 - The importance of recognizing and leveraging new volunteers from within the community to participate in civic bodies.
 - The option for the Board of Supervisors to create an alternate Commissioner position.
- **MOTION to RECOMMEND ADDING AN ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER to the Planning Commission, by Bicky Redman, seconded by Jim McDannell.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- **MOTION to RECOMMEND the RE-APPOINTMENT of Pat Schindel to the Planning Commission, by Bicky Redman, seconded by JR Crushong.**
 - **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Review of PA American Water Package

- The Commission received this item; no action necessary.

GUESTS

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm by Dennis Robinson, Chairman.