

**Franklin Township, Adams County
Planning Commission Meeting**

January 19, 2022

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Dennis Robinson, Pat Schindel, Gary Deardorf, James McDannell, Bicky Redman, JR Crushong, Eric Miller, and Susan Plank, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technologies, Inc., Chris Santay, Supervisor, and Robert Kimpel, Jr., resident.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Robinson, Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Plank, Secretary introduced Eric Miller to the Board. Supervisor Santay asked Mr. Miller to tell everyone a little about himself. Mr. Miller informed everyone that his wife is from the area and they have a home in Franklin Township and he is happy to serve on the Planning Commission and get involved. Mr. Miller went on to say that he spent 20 years in the Army mostly served over seas. His wife is still serving and is stationed out of the Carlisle Barricks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION by Gary Deardorff, seconded by Jim McDannell to appoint Dennis Robinson as Chairman of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

MOTION by Gary Deardorff, seconded by Jim McDannell to appoint Pat Schindel at Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

MOTION by Pat Schindel, seconded by Gary Deardorff to appoint Eric Miller as Secretary of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Gary Deardorff, seconded by Pat Schindel to approve the November 17, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes. Motion carried.

SKETCH PLANS – None at this time

PLANS: None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Bicky Redman mentioned the Hearing for the chickens on Mountain Top Drive. JR Crushong again informed everyone that this was in the residential zone and livestock is not permitted in the residential zone. There was much discussion on how it would be permitted. Supervisor Santay asked the Planning Commission as to where the Township would draw the line. If you allow chickens what is next pigs, goats, etc. There needs to be a line drawn as to when and what is allowed. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone

that his opinion is if a resident brings in evidence that whatever animal is a support animal that this would not be an issue. He believes the animal has to be registered at a support animal. There was must discussion on this matter and further discussion will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Robert Kimple – Buchanan Valley Road Zoning Hearing Recommendation

Mr. Kimple addressed the Members saying that he is asking for a variance for the required set back Article IV, Section 175-16 for putting a porch on his residence. Mr. Kimple informed the Board that he is having major issues with rain water getting into his basement and it is causing some sever damage to his windows. Mr. Kimple also mentioned that putting the porch on the home would eliminate the water getting into the basement and help with the deterioration of the wood around the windows.

MOTION by Pat Schindel, seconded by Gary Deardorff to recommend the Zoning Hearing Board to approve the request for a variance application made by Mr. Robert Kimple with the following terms:

- 1. Mr. Kimple runs the downspouts to the back of the property.**
- 2. Mr. Kimple signs a waiver to release the Township of any responsibility of any damage that the construction may have to the existing well.**

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dennis Robinson at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank