

MINUTES

Franklin Township Planning Commission

July 19, 2017

In attendance:

Dennis Robinson, Pat Schindel, J R Crushong, Gary Deardorff, Bic Redman & Mary Lower
Also present: Dominic Picarelli from KPI Technology Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Robinson at 7 pm.

Approval of June 2017 Planning Commission Minutes

MOTION by Deardorff, seconded by Redman to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.

Guests:

David Drawbaugh – Sketch – Church Rd. – Ag zone

Mr. Drawbaugh owns 3.5 acres (former Dick Cole property) and would like to purchase 1.5 acres from an adjoining property, which is St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. He has entered into initial discussions with church officials regarding the proposed purchase. He has had the area appraised and has consulted Royer's Survey. He is working with DCNR and Penn State Extension to create a habitat for native Pennsylvania plants that are rare, endangered, and threatened. He hopes to provide a natural habitat for pollinators such as bees, birds and butterflies.

There is also a concern with the neighbor who has part of their porch/home on the property line of the area that he would like to purchase from the church. Mr. Drawbaugh would like to give them a setback area around their buildings at the time of purchasing the proposed 1.5 acres.

Old Business:

Tom Kalathas – Mini-Storage Units – Chambersburg Road – Commercial Zone

Proposal is for 58 mini-storage units with associated parking, storm water management facility, etc. on a 2.52 +/- acre parcel of land along Chambersburg Road near Caledonia. There were many issues seen with the plan (no highway occupancy permit, sewage facilities planning, NPDES, etc.). This was tabled at the last meeting since we did not receive Adams County's comments in time for review. KPI did not get a revised plan from Kalathas for this month, but the township did receive the County's comments. They basically are the same as KPI's comments and question whether the proposal will need a Special Exception approval from the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board. The proposal for mini-storage units was first given approval in 2006 from the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board and then a time extension was granted in January of 2008. A copy of the Franklin Township Hearing Board decision is required to verify that the time extension has not lapsed. Also, our zoning has changed since this was first approved. The other issue is the landscaping for the site.

MOTION by Redman, seconded by Deardorff to table the plan. Motion approved.

Parks and Recreation Plan

We reviewed the draft July copy of the plan presented by Donminic.

MOTION by Deardorff, seconded by Redman to send the draft copy to the Solicitor for his review and to meet with school officials. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lower
Planning Commission Secretary