

**POCONO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
05/12/2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

The Pocono Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting was held on May 5th, 2014 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and opened by Chairman Ron Swink at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ron Swink, present; Scott Gilliland, present; Marie Guidry, present; Robert Demarest, present; Robert DeYoung, present: and Jeremy Sawicki, present. Taylor Munoz was absent.
Lisa Pereira, Broughal & DeVito LLP, Township Solicitor; Tim Edinger, T&M Associates, Township Engineer; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Secretary; were present.

ACKNOWLEDGE OF COMMENTS: Chairman Ron Swink noted each visitor has the right to comment at this time or before any action is taken on a matter. All plans reviewed must be submitted 10 days prior to the P.C. Meeting to be placed on the agenda.

MINUTES: R. Demarest made a motion, seconded by S. Gilliland, to approve the minutes of the 04/28/2014 Regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW PLANS AND SUBMISSIONS: None

FINAL PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Pocono Logistics Preliminary/Final Land Development. The plan was accepted at the 10/28/13 P.C. meeting. The last P.C. meeting is 6/9/14; the last Commissioner's meeting is 6/16/14. T&M met with Gilmore and Associates, 2/25/14. A time extension had been granted until 6/30/14. See motion below for tabling.

Trap Enterprises Hotel Project - dated 1/22/14. The last P.C. meeting is 6/23/14. The last Commissioner's meeting is 7/7/14. Boucher and James to continue with this review. See motion below for tabling.

Trap Enterprises Route 611 Project- dated 1/22/14. The last P.C. meeting is 6/23/14. The last Commissioner's meeting is 7/7/14. Boucher and James to continue with this review. See motion below for tabling.

B. Demarest made a motion, seconded by R. DeYoung, to table the Pocono Logistics Preliminary/Final Land Development, Trap Enterprises Hotel Project, and Trap Enterprises Route 611 Project. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

The Lands of The Spirit of Swiftwater, Inc. (Minor Modifications of Phase 1-Residential)-Conditional approval was granted. A request for modification was made. The matter is before the Commissioners for conditional approval.

PRELIMINARY PLANS CONT:

Sheldon Kopelson, Planned Residential Development (Lot 1) - Plan accepted at the 8/12/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until July 31, 2014. The last P.C. meeting is 7/14/14; the last Board of Commissioner's meeting is 7/21/14. No resubmission has been made by the applicant. See motion below for tabling.

Sheldon Kopelson Commercial Development (Lot 2) - Plan was accepted at the 08/13/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until July 31, 2014. The last P.C. meeting is 7/14/14. The last Board of Commissioner's meeting is 7/21/14. No resubmission has been made by the applicant. See motion below for tabling.

Sheldon Kopelson, Minor Subdivision Plan - Plan was accepted at the 08/13/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until July 31, 2014. The last P.C. meeting is 7/14/14. The last Board of Commissioner's meeting is 7/21/14. The configuration of the minor subdivision is dependent on the Route 715 realignment. No new submission has been made. See Motion below for tabling.

Sheldon Kopelson, Commercial Development (Lot 3) - Plan was accepted at the 08/13/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until July 31, 2014. The last P.C. meeting is 7/14/14. The last Board of Commissioner's meeting is 7/21/14. The configuration of the minor subdivision is dependent on the Route 715 realignment. No new submission has been made. See motion below for tabling.

Tim Edinger, Twp. Engineer updated the Board on the Kopelson projects and the status of the Rt. 715 realignment.

S. Gilliland made a motion, seconded by J. Sawicki, to table the Sheldon Kopelson, Planned Residential Development (Lot 1), Sheldon Kopelson Commercial Development (Lot 2), Sheldon Kopelson, Minor Subdivision Plan, and Sheldon Kopelson, Commercial Development (Lot 3). All in favor. Motion carried.

Pocono Manor Tentative Planned Residential Development Preliminary Plan - Plan was accepted at the 11/14/07 P.C. meeting. The last P.C. meeting is 10/13/14; the last Board of Commissioner's meeting is 10/20/14. The plan was tabled at the 3/10/14 P.C. meeting. **T&M to conduct future reviews.**

M. Guidry made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung to table the Pocono Manor Tentative Planned Residential Development Preliminary Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Lands of The Spirit of Swiftwater, Inc. (Hotel) - Conditional approval was granted. RFMs were recommended for approval at 4/28/14 P.C. meeting. The preliminary application is before the Commissioners for conditional approval.

PRESENTATION OF SKETCH PLANS (None)

PRESENTATION OF VARIANCE, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, CONDITIONAL USE, ET AL, APPLICATIONS - (None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS -

Change of Meeting date - Due to the Memorial Day Holiday on 05/26/2014, the regular P.C. meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, 05/27/2014. The Board concurred to cancel the 05/27/2014. M. Guidry made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to cancel the 05/27/2014 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 06/09/2014. All in favor. Motion carried.

New signage ordinance - M. Guidry is in the process of combining the draft William Twp. sign ordinance with the amended draft Pocono Township sign ordinance. Key points discussed:

1. Free Standing signs -on premise/off premise
2. 2 dimensional verses 1 dimensional
3. Abandoned or outdated signs
4. Setbacks from roadways and clear sight triangles.
5. Sign illumination - dusk to dawn for dimming.
6. Spinning signs, banners and streamers.
7. Mobile Signage.
8. Wall and roof signage.
9. Sale signs.

The Pocono Township Business persons will be holding a meeting, Tuesday, 05/13/2014 to suggest changes to the sign ordinance. The Board will take in to consideration their comments.

M. Guidry will continue to meld the two draft ordinances together and send copies to the board members for their comments. The next workshop is Thursday, 06/19/2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pocono Township Municipal Building.

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., until June 9, 2014 at 7:00PM at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela Finkbeiner
Secretary