

POCONO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8th, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

The Pocono Township Planning Commission Regular meeting was held on April 8th, 2019 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA and opened by Chairman Ronald Swink at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ron Swink, present; Scott Gilliland, present; Marie Guidry, absent; Dennis Purcell, present; Keith Meeker, present; Jeremy Sawicki, present; and Bruce Kilby, present.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pamela Tripus, Twp. Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: A 60-day time extension letter was received from Turkey Hill Minit Market, Store #274.

MINUTES: S. Gilliland made a motion, seconded by D. Purcell, to approve the minutes of the 03/25/2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

SKETCH PLAN:

- 1) BCRA Rt.715 Water tank - No action

FINAL PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Turkey Hill Minit Market, Store #274 Prelim/Final LDP - Plans were administratively accepted at the 08/13/2013 P.C. Mtg. Plan fees paid. Township Engineer's review letter #2 dated 10/18/2018 was received. Plan was tabled at the 03/25/2019 P.C. Mtg. Revised plans received 03/19/2019. **Deadline for P.C. consideration is 06/24/2019. (60 Day Time extension received).** D. Purcell made a motion, seconded by J. Sawicki, to table the Turkey Hill Minit Market, Store #274 Prelim/Final LDP. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Sheldon Kopelson Commercial Development (Lot 3) - Plans were administratively accepted at the 8/13/2013 P.C. Mtg. The configuration of the minor subdivision is dependent on the Rt. 715 realignment. Tabled at the 03/25/2019 P.C. Mtg. A resubmission has not occurred. **Deadline for P.C. consideration extended to 12/09/2019.** D. Purcell made a motion, seconded by S. Gilliland, to table Sheldon Kopelson Commercial Development (Lot 3). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Spa Castle Land Development - Land Development on Birchwood Road. The plans were administratively accepted at the 12/14/2015 P.C. Mtg. Tabled at the 03/25/2019 P.C. Mtg. Time extension requested until 10/20/2018. **Deadline for P.C. consideration is 09/23/2019. DEP letter dated 12/10/2018 - terminating the NPDES permit was received.** J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by D. Purcell, to table the Spa Castle Land Development Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, CONDITIONAL USE, ET AL, APPLICATIONS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ZONING HEARING BOARD SCHEDULE:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Site visit to BCRA Rt. 715 Water tank LDP is scheduled for 04/12/2019 at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) Ethic forms for Planning Commission member - S. Gilliland noted the Planning Commission had previously requested to complete ethic forms.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- 1) Planning Series 2
 - a) Planning Commission - discussion on rules of reorganization.
 - b) Vacancy - Planning Commission should review potential appointee's and make recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.
 - c) S. Gilliland suggested developing a list of items to discuss. J. Sawicki suggested an Official map and working together with the Comprehensive Plan.
 - d) S. Gilliland suggested 'Planning' should be added to the agenda for discussion.
- 1) Yard Sale Ordinance - P. Tripus noted the draft Yard Sale Ordinance was not adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed on revisiting the yard sale ordinance and enforcement of ordinance.
- 2) Property Maintenance Ordinance - P. Tripus noted the ordinance is before the Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed on enforcement and if the Planning Commission would review.
- 3) Official plan - discussion followed on development of an Official plan and the inclusion of various aspects such as; wetlands, traffic controls, pedestrian traffic, public transportation, etc.
- 4) Vision - J. Sawicki suggested working together to create a Township vision for the Boards to get things done.
- 5) Representative between boards. Discussion on past practice of Planning Commissioners attending Board of Commissioners meeting.

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by D. Purcell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Tripus
Township Secretary