

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Work Session Minutes

DATE: May 13, 2019

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: Township Building

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: Jerry Lastowski

ROLL CALL:

Harold Werkheiser - Absent

Richard Wielebinski – Present

Chad Kilby – Absent

Jerrod Belvin – Present

The work session included the planning commission, Ron Swink, Scott Gilliland, Dennis Purcell, Keith Meeker, Bruce Kilby and Jeremy Sawicki.

Also present were Lisa Pereira - Solicitor, Donna Asure-Township Manager

The work session was called to order at 6:10pm by Chairman Swink and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Boards discussed –

- The priorities of the Board of Commissioners and of the Planning Commission and how to create a plan to move forward.
- The confusion that was created after the last work session as to how to set the priorities and getting together to create a joint list.
- The Sign Ordinance was discussed as it seems to be a top priority for both boards. The boards talked about involving the new Business Association and how they might have input to this topic. R. Swink believed this topic should wait until after the Business Association meeting and their feed back. The information received by the Commissioners from the Business Association will be passed on the Planning Commission.
- The Property Maintenance Ordinance. This is already on the “to do” list. B. Kilby created an updated draft of the ordinance for review. Discussion on who maintains rights of way took place and the need for legal to review these requirements.
- Short Term Rental Ordinance. L. Pereira discussed the newest Supreme Court ruling and how it may affect our current ordinance. It is thought this needs to be not just a stand-alone ordinance but also incorporated into zoning.
- The Yard Sale Ordinance. It was stated that this ordinance is almost done but needs a final decision on the fee schedule.

The priority list is as follows –

- 1) Sign Ordinance
- 2) Property Maintenance Ordinance
- 3) Short Term Rental Ordinance
- 4) Capital Improvement Plan
- 5) Yard Sale Ordinance

The Board of Commissioners agreed that the planning commission should meet with the Police Chief and Road Supervisor to find out their needs. They should look at the studies that were completed and the Capital Improvement Plan that had been created for the township previously. It was thought that a 1 year, 3 year, 5 year and 10 year plan would be the most beneficial for the township to work with to plan and budget. They will come up with a list and submit to Township Manager to provide to the Board of Commissioners.

It was discussed that perhaps the Civil Service Commission should be asked if they are interested in working with the police to develop that part of the capital plan. D. Asure will speak to Chief Werkheiser concerning this.

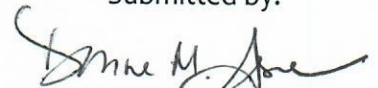
Public comment –

Ellen Gndt, Twp. Resident questioned the need for fees for signs in the yard sale ordinance when this was addressed in the sign ordinance.

NO OFFICIAL ACTIONS OR ROLL CALL VOTES WERE TAKEN DURING WORK SESSION.

The work session ended at 7:00pm.

Submitted by:



Donna M. Asure
Township Manager