

POCONO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11th, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

The Pocono Township Planning Commission Regular meeting was held on June 11th, 2018 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, absent; Dennis Purcell, present; Bob DeYoung, present; Marie Guidry, present; Jeremy Sawicki, present; and Chad Kilby, present.

Lisa Pereira, Twp. Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer; Pamela Tripus, Twp. Secretary/Recording Secretary were present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A time extension was received from Ertle Enterprises, Inc. until 08/27/2018.

P. Tripus, Twp. Secretary, explained the Planning Commission had recommended the Ertle LDP be denied at the 04/23/2018 P.C. Mtg., the BOC approved Resolution 2018-38 denying the Plan at the 04/30/2018 BOC Mtg. The Applicant had since requested and was granted Resolution 2018-41 - rescinding the denial. Discussion followed. L. Pereira, Twp. Solicitor, explained the applicant is going back to the original plan, until waivers are addressed.

Ertle Enterprises Auto Sales LDP - Plan fees paid. Plans were accepted at the 02/12/2018 P.C. Mtg. Plans were tabled at the 03/26/2018 P.C. Mtg. Plan was denied by Resolution 2018-38 and rescinded by applicant request. A time extension was received until 08/27/2018. J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by D. Purcell, to table the Ertle Enterprises Auto Sales LDP. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES: D. Purcell made a motion, seconded by C. Kilby, to approve the minutes of the 05/29/2018 PC meeting. D. Purcell, yes; B. DeYoung, abstained; R. Swink, yes; M. Guidry, yes; C. Kilby, yes; and J. Sawicki, abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Russo, Log Cabin Express, addressed the Board and explained they would like to place temporary, seasonal tables and chairs for alcoholic beverages sales on the sidewalk surrounding the area near the elevator at the Crossings Outlet Mall. Discussion followed concerning foot traffic and handicap parking near the area. K. Russo explained the seating area is required to be roped off as part of LCB requirements. M. Guidry questioned the liability of blocking foot traffic. C. Kilby questioned if the handicap parking and entrance to the elevator would be impeded. J. Sawicki questioned if the Crossings Management was contacted and if the seating would push foot traffic into the parking lot. R. Swink questioned how the serving area would be monitored. Discussion followed. L. Pereira suggested he meet with Michael Tripus, Zoning Officer and discuss the P.C.'s concerns on the temporary accessory use of the area. No action taken.

FINAL PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION: None

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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 05/29/2018 P.C. Mtg. A resubmission has not occurred. Deadline for P.C. consideration extended to 12/10/2018. C. Kilby made a motion, seconded by J. Sawicki, to table the Sheldon Kopelson, Commercial Development (Lot 3). All in favor. Motion carried.

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 05/29/2018 P.C. Mtg. Time extension requested until 10/20/2018. Deadline for P.C. consideration is 10/08/2018. C. Kilby made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to table the Spa Castle Land Development Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Running Lane Land Development Plan and Minor Subdivision/Lot Combination Plan - The plans were administratively accepted at the 08/14/2017 P.C. Mtg. Plans were tabled at the 05/29/2018 P.C. Mtg. Time extension requested until 07/30/2018. Deadline for P.C. consideration is extended to 07/09/2018.

Sarah Bue-Morris, Bue-Morris Associates, Inc. represented the waiver request from SALDO Sec.607.16.M.2 - Curbing along access driveways. S. Bue-Morris explained the curbing along the northern driveway will prevent stormwater from entering the inlet at the start of a PennDOT pipe. C. Kilby noted without curbing, people may drive over the lawn area. J. Tresslar, Twp. Engineer, questioned if the curbing was part of the PennDOT HOP application. S. Bue-Morris explained the curbing was removed on the application of HOP submittal. Discussion followed on the need for curbing. J. Tresslar noted curbing is PennDOT's decision and recommended waiting until the PennDOT permit was received. No action was taken.

J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by D. Purcell, to table the Running Lane Land Development Plan and Minor Subdivision/Lot Combination. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pocono Logistics LDP - Plan fees paid. Plans were accepted at the 03/26/2018 P.C. Mtg. Plan was tabled at the 05/29/2018 P.C. Mtg. Deadline for P.C. consideration is 07/09/2018. Twp. Engineer's review letter dated 04/19/2018 was received. B. DeYoung questioned the status of the plan. J. Tresslar, Twp. Engineer, noted they are in the process of addressing his review letter. C. Kilby made a motion, seconded by M. Guidry, to table the Pocono Logistics LDP. All in favor. Motion carried.

SKETCH PLANS: None

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

ORDINANCES:

Medical Marijuana, SALDO amendment, and Amendment to Ordinance 110 (Signs)
- L. Pereira, Twp. Solicitor, explained the Board of Commissioners advertised for hearings on July 16th, 2018 and requested a formal recommendation for the Ordinances from the Planning Commission. J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by M. Guidry, to recommend the adoption of the Medical Marijuana, SALDO amendment, and Amendment to Ordinance 110 (Signs) to the Board of Commissioners. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

For Discussion:

Yard Sales Ordinance - M. Tripus, Twp. Zoning Officer, was absent. A revised draft was distributed to the P.C. for discussion at the next meeting.

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE:

ADJOURNMENT: J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by C. Kilby, to adjourn the meeting at 08:25 p.m., until June 25th, 2018, at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Tripus
Township Secretary