

Reading Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Reading Township Planning Commission was held at the Reading Township Municipal Building and called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Bill Bowen. Planning Commission members in attendance were Gerald Shank, Dana Shuman, Alicia Wooters and Donald Godfrey with Chairman Bowen presiding.

Others in attendance included Susan J. Smith, Solicitor, Andrew Merkel, of Adams County Planning & Development, as well as Supervisors Wes Thomason, Jason Phillips and Kevin Holtzinger.

The annual organization of the Planning Commission was discussed. On a motion by Dana Shuman and second by Gerald Shank, the Planning Commission members will hold the same offices (William Bowen, Chairman; Alicia Wooters, Vice Chairperson; Dana Shuman, Secretary); motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/MISCELLANEOUS

Solicitor Susan J. Smith provided the Planning Commission with a draft proposal of possible amendments to Ordinance §27-305.F. **Effect of Administrative Provisions**. She also led the discussion about a few uses that the current Ordinances do not provide for. Discussion continued on the matter.

Mr. Merkel presented the Planning Commission with his suggestions for amendments to the Agricultural Conservation Zoning District. Discussion continued on the matter. More information will be provided at the February PC meeting to continue discussion on amendments to the Ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Holtzinger mentioned a recent article published in the Gettysburg Times about a Mt. Joy Township matter in which Attorney Smith was mentioned. Chairman Holtzinger asked Attorney Smith if she would like to make a comment. The Solicitor declined comment.

Chairman Holtzinger made comment about a sketch plan presented by Attorney Thomas Nell at the December 2021 meeting, saying that he was surprised at the Planning Commission for allowing Attorney Nell to take up so much meeting time asking questions. In Mr. Holtzinger's opinion, as an attorney, Mr. Nell should have researched ordinances ahead of time and the Planning Commission should not have entertained his questions.

Mr. Holtzinger stated that there was discussion at the Board of Supervisor's Re-Organization meeting earlier that day about social media and where the Township should stand as far as any Township Board members or employees making comments on social media. Mr. Holtzinger suggested no comments be made on social media unless based on factual information.

Mr. Phillips commented that he noticed surveying work being done at the bridge at the intersection of Hoover School Road and Stoney Point Road.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairperson Wooters at 8:11pm, Mr. Shank second, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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