

**District Township Planning Commission
Business Meeting
March 4, 2021**

Call to Order

The business meeting of the District Township Planning Commission was held on March 4, 2021 at the Township Municipal Building, 202 Weil Road, Boyertown, PA 19512. Piper Sherburne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Planning Commission members Piper Sherburne, Louis Farina, Michael Carr, John Burger and Ron Leibowitz. Solicitor Chris Garrell attended by conference call. Engineer John Weber was present. Secretary Elaine Schwien was present. Mike Aston of Aston Surveyors/Engineers was also present. No residents attended.

*COVID-19 - conference calls, facial covering and social distancing.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Farina, seconded by Mr. Carr, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2021 Business Meeting as written. All in favor.

Correspondence: None.

Current Plans: JRP Luft Minor Subdivision - 90 day review clock started 12/3/20 with administratively complete submission (expiration 3/2/21). Extension of Time recommended by PC and accepted by BOS until 6/18/21. Revised Plans were received 2/25/21, less than 14 days prior to PC meeting. The Revised Plans were not discussed and will be reviewed at the 4/1/21 PC meeting.

New Plans: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- **Informal Lot Annexation Plan; Windish - Harrier - Erb**

Mr. Aston reviewed Lot Annexation Plan of 390, 396 and 398 Huffs Church Road. They are related (family) and the proposed areas to be annexed are already being used by those parties. The Plan proposes annexing part of Lot 3 (larger rear lot) to Lots 1 and 2 (front lots). Mr. Weber noted this would be a positive for Lots 1 and 2 as they would have better side yards. Lot 3 would become smaller which would require a variance for reducing the lot width at the building setback line. Solicitor Garrell had no issue as proposed, indicating overall it seemed to make sense. The Planning Commission did not have further questions. Mr. Aston will move forward with the variance request and assuming it is approved, will return with subdivision plans at a later time.

- **Proposed Unsafe Property Maintenance Ordinance**

Solicitor Orlando provided to the Board and Planning Commission a sample ordinance from a neighboring municipality for review. Mr. Weber explained recently there have been a number of complaints regarding accumulated junk (cars, lawn mowers), rubbish

and scrap. The Township does not have a good tool (ordinance) to deal with these concerns. Solicitor Garrell concurred with Mr. Weber that the International Property Maintenance Code would have more regulation than the Township would want or need. This ordinance would be a good medium. Several PC members expressed concern regarding building or structural disrepair versus accumulated junk. Recent complaints were further discussed with Mr. Weber including pictures. Mr. Carr suggested the rewriting of the sample ordinance to remove the structural concerns which go beyond the problem. The PC members will review further and markup for the next meeting.

Public Participation: None further.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Farina, seconded by Mr. Carr, to adjourn the business meeting at 7:43 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Schwien
District Township Planning Commission Secretary