

**MINUTES
EXETER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at the Township Hall, 4975 DeMoss Road, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Donald R. Wilson, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Donald R. Wilson, Chairman
Richard Littlehales, Vice Chairman
John W. Bittig, Secretary
Paul L. Schwartz
Gary L. Shane
Greg T. Unger

ABSENT: Gregory A. Shantz

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Peifer, GVC Consulting Engineer
Cheryl Franckowiak, Zoning Officer
Linda Cusimano, Recording Secretary

1. MINUTES

MOTION BY Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Unger, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. AGENDA

MOTION BY Mr. Unger, seconded by Mr. Littlehales, to approve the agenda of the March 4, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The following business was discussed:

4. STORMWATER ORDINANCE

The revised Act 167 Stormwater Ordinance was discussed and the Planning Commission agreed that the more stringent requirements of our existing Ordinance needed to be placed into the new Ordinance. Mr. Bittig stated that he did not agree with the Ordinance Appendix D Management Districts and felt that the map should be changed. He further stated that the Owatin Creek Watershed North of Pineland Road was in the 100% release rate zone and we already experienced flooding there. Mr. Peifer replied that he doubted that we could get the map changed and suggested putting a note in the Ordinance that stated the Owatin Creek Watershed North of Pineland Road shall be added to the "B" District. The Planning Commission agreed. It was also agreed that Eric Gardecki should implement a map of the Township that showed all the areas of floodplain for the 50-year storm.

5. AP ZONING POTENTIAL CHANGES

Mr. Wilson stated that the Board of Supervisors wanted to check into removing everything listed under Special Exception and Conditional Use in the AP Zoning District in the Zoning Ordinance to try to “tighten” up the AP Zone. After a lengthy discussion the Planning Commission agreed to keep Special Exceptions, with the removal of Churches and Cemeteries in that category and Conditional Uses in the AP Zone. It was also agreed to make some changes to Section 401.3 to clarify lot sizes.

6. ZONING REVISIONS

Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance were discussed. The Planning Commission agreed to read over the Riparian Corridor Conservation District and the Memo from Michael Crotty concerning signs / billboards that were provided to them and discuss them at a later date.

5. SET UP WORKSHOP MEETING

The Planning Commission agreed to meet Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 7pm to discuss Zoning changes and the previously distributed materials.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Cusimano stated that a copy of the 2007 annual report from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors was in their package. She then asked if that was acceptable to the Planning Commission to have Mr. Bittig sign and send it along to the Board. The Planning Commission agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Littlehales, to adjourn the March 4, 2008 meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission at 9:45pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Bittig
Planning Commission Secretary

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Correspondence to:

BOS: Planning Commission 2007Annual report