

**MINUTES**  
**EXETER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**AUGUST 2, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 2, 2010 at the Township Hall, 4975 DeMoss Road, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Donald R. Wilson, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:** Donald R. Wilson, Chairman  
John W. Bittig, Secretary  
Richard Littlehales  
Gary L. Shane  
William Rush

**ABSENT** Greg T. Unger  
Paul L. Schwartz, Vice Chairman  
Cheryl Franckowiak, Zoning Officer

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Joe Rogosky, GVC Consulting Engineer  
Linda Cusimano, Recording Secretary

**1. MINUTES**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Shane, seconded by Mr. Bittig, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010 Planning Commission meeting as presented. The motion carried with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bittig, Mr. Shane voting in favor and Mr. Littlehales, Mr. Rush abstaining.

**2. AGENDA**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Bittig, to approve the agenda of the August 2, 2010 Planning Commission meeting with the removal of Zoning Ordinance revisions. The motion carried unanimously.

The following business was discussed:

**3. BROSSMAN SUBDIVISION**

Mr. Rogosky stated that the subdivision is located in Lower Alsace Township and the family is creating another lot for a sibling. It is situated between Butter Lane and Friedensburg Road/Old Friedensburg Road. The portion that is located in Exeter is a triangular piece (1.16 acres) along Butter Lane. The plan has been reviewed by Lower Alsace Township and the applicant is requesting a waiver from review by Exeter Township. Mr. Bittig stated that all but about 14,000sf is in the 60-foot ultimate right-of-way of Butter Lane.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Rush to recommend the Board of Supervisors waive the right to review the Brossman Subdivision as the majority of the land situated in Exeter Township is within the Butter Lane right-of-way. The motion carried with Mr. Bittig, Mr. Rush, Mr. Unger, Mr. Littlehales, voting in favor and Mr. Wilson recused himself as he knew the Brossmans personally.

**4. HUMANE SOCIETY DOG PARK**

Mr. Wilson stated that we would discuss the dog park plans. Mr. Rogosky stated that he received the plans for the dog park and a review has not been done however, the plans are one inch equals one hundred scale and he was recommending that they follow the scale size required in our Ordinance. They also need to provide what was being added and a narrative that they are complying with our Stormwater Ordinance. Once that information was provided he would be able to do the review.

## **5. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Bittig stated that we recently approved the Tree Ordinance and in the back there is a section on invasive species. The Township has a beautiful crop of purple loosestrife growing in the basin in Dunn Farm that should be removed as he felt it set a bad example. Mr. Wilson replied that the Ordinance addressed what was being planted; we could not go out and make people remove it.

Mr. Bittig stated that the Joint Comprehensive Plan was adopted by St. Lawrence Council and the Exeter Township Board of Supervisors, but had no idea what Amity did. For the past five years we have been changing our Ordinances to comply with the Joint Comprehensive Plan; we added Restricted Office Commercial; we added Rural Village and the Riparian Buffer. Amity has chosen to ignore it. Mr. Bittig asked why we even have this “thing”. Amity is now coming forward with zoning changes that do not comply with the JCP. He felt that this was something for our Board to address. Mr. Wilson replied that without Exeter, St. Lawrence and Amity doing a joint Zoning Ordinance, it was not enforceable. Mr. Bittig stated that with the limited money available from the State for roadway improvement, there was a list of projects that made the newspaper, most of those were high volume roads, but one of those projects was for the Weavertown Road Bridge. He further asked if anyone knew how that made the list and stated that he felt there was an odor about this one.

Ms. Cusimano stated that she wanted to remind the Planning Commission that the September meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

**Jordan Bausher, 391 Ritters Lane**, asked what action we might expect from the new commission to promote Exeter Township that the Board of Supervisors was implementing. Mr. Wilson replied that the main purpose is to try to get businesses interested into coming into our Township and mainly to focus on the empty buildings we have now. They were looking for people who were business oriented or just average citizens to serve on our Economic Development Committee.

**Linda Focht, 50 Glen Oley Drive**, asked why the zoning revisions were removed from the agenda this evening. Mr. Wilson replied that was due to the fact that our counsel, Mike Crotty, was unable to attend. Mrs. Focht asked if the Zoning Ordinance wasn't just adopted by the Board. Mr. Wilson replied yes, but we have other items that need to be revised. Mr. Bittig stated that it was always a work in progress.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Bittig, seconded by Mr. Rush, to adjourn the August 2, 2010 meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission at 7:25pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Bittig  
Planning Commission Secretary

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Correspondence to:

BOS: Brossman Subdivision waiver request