

**MINUTES  
EXETER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, October 4, 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, Vice Chairman  
William R. A. Rush, Secretary  
Richard Littlehales  
Gary L. Shane  
Greg T. Unger

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Joe Rogosky, GVC Consulting Engineer  
Cheryl Franckowiak, Zoning Officer  
Linda Cusimano, Recording Secretary

**1. MINUTES**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Littlehales, seconded by Mr. Bittig, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting as presented. The motion carried with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Rush, Mr. Littlehales, Mr. Bittig voting in favor and Mr. Shane, Mr. Unger abstaining.

**2. AGENDA**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Unger, to approve the agenda of the October 4, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Wilson stated that the Board of Supervisors, with regrets and sadness, accepted Paul Schwartz's resignation. Mr. Wilson further stated that Mr. Schwartz served 26 years on the Planning Commission and the Board was not pleased that he resigned; he will be missed as he was one of our biggest environmentalists and also had a lot of history with Exeter Township. Mr. Wilson stated that he had the pleasure of serving with him for over 14 years on this Board. Mr. Wilson then asked for nominations to appoint a Vice Chairman or volunteers to fill the position.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Shane to nominate Mr. Bittig to serve as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. Mr. Bittig replied that he would accept the nomination; however, we would need to nominate someone to replace him as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Unger, seconded by Mr. Bittig to nominate Mr. Rush to serve as Secretary to the Planning Commission. Mr. Rush accepted the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilson congratulated the new Board position members.

**4. ZONING REVISIONS**

Mr. Wilson stated that he wanted to express a question that needed to be answered about the Central Catholic High School Plan. He read that Central Catholic has now decided that it would not build that school. The Board had passed a Conditional Use for Central to build on that site in the AP Zone. His question to our Solicitor is if the applicant sells the property, does the Conditional Use follow the property or the applicant.

Mrs. Franckowiak replied that she would check with Andy Bellwoar. Mr. Bittig stated that after Central received their Conditional Use, the Board rescinded allowing Schools in the AP Zone as a Conditional Use. Mr. Wilson explained to the audience what transpired previously with the Central Catholic property.

### **Public Comment**

**Jordan Bausher, 391 Ritters Road**, stated that he thought the property could be sold for use as a school within five years of granting the Conditional Use. Mr. Wilson stated that he knew that they could use it as a school, but the question is, if they sold it, could the buyer then build a school. Mr. Bausher asked if anyone would be attending the RATS meeting concerning the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan. If they adopted the plan it would affect everyone in the County. Mrs. Franckowiak replied that the draft plan was attached on our website so you would be able to look at the plan without attending a meeting.

Mrs. Franckowiak stated that the Planning Commission was given information concerning Passive AG that should be reviewed and discussed at next month's Planning Commission meeting. She further asked for any comments concerning the sign section of the Ordinance. Mr. Bittig replied that §390-69.E(10) under Electronic signs, the 500 ft setback, should also be included in §390-69.D. Mrs. Franckowiak stated that she would let Mr. Crotty know. Mr. Littlehales had questions concerning the height of sign that would be discussed at next month's meeting. Ms. Cusimano stated that she gave Mr. Koontz a copy of the sign ordinance revisions so he could check for any items that might need to be corrected. Mrs. Franckowiak stated that she would ask Eric Gardecki to attend next month's meeting to provide maps for potential correctional facilities in the Light Industrial Zone.

### **5. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Ms. Cusimano stated that we had some students from Kutztown University attending the Planning Commission meeting for an Urban Planning Course. Mr. Wilson stated that unfortunately with the current economy we haven't had many plans come before the Planning Commission so it was a bad time to come and observe your local government in action. Mr. Wilson then stated that Asino Farms took Exeter Township to court for rejecting their Final Plan and the Court upheld our rejection of the plan. The MPC states that when you reject a plan it rejects everything back to the beginning and the developer would need to start over. They would need to come in under the current Zoning, SALDO, and Stormwater Ordinances. Mr. Wilson also stated that the Board of Supervisors notified the School District that they had nine months to move the one room school house on the Jacksonwald School Property in order to do the roadwork at that intersection.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Littlehales, seconded by Mr. Rush, to adjourn the October 4, 2010 meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission at 7:35pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



William R. A. Rush  
Planning Commission Secretary