

Halifax Township
Planning Commission
Monthly Business Meeting

April 5, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Fred Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Planning Commission members, Fred Ford (chairman), Bob Artman (vice chairman), Randy Paul and Mark Reed were present. K&W Engineer Tom Wilson, and Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky were not required to attend in light of there being no formal business to conduct. Township Secretary, Shanemarie Ferguson was present to take minutes.

Public Comment: Local Township residents, Michael Bower and James Bower, appeared before the Planning Commission to discuss a potential outdoor wedding business. Based on the information provided, the Planning Commission indicated that no formal plan would need to be submitted to the Township for approval at this time. However, the Planning Commission did recommend that: (1) Michael Brown, the Township's SEO be contacted to address any potential sewage concerns, and (2) PennDOT be contacted to determine if a highway occupancy permit would need to be secured in light of the anticipated increase in traffic flow into an out of the proposed wedding facility. The Planning Commission then recommended that the Bowers' return to the Township with a sketch plan based upon the advisement(s) of the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer and PennDOT.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Ford indicated that the draft minutes for the February 1st and March 1st Planning Commission meetings had been presented for approval. Bob Artman motioned to approve the February 1, 2010 minutes as presented. Fred Ford seconded the motion and the vote carried 4:0. Bob Artman then motioned to approve the March 1, 2010 minutes as presented. Fred Ford seconded the motion and the vote carried 4:0.

New Business:

Chairman Ford welcomed new members, Randy Paul and Mark Reed to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Ford then indicated that he and Mark Reed attended an Outdoor Lighting meeting held on March 31, 2010 at Lower Dauphin Middle School. Mark Reed then provided a summary of some of the implications associated with poor outdoor lighting as well as some of the benefits associated with efficient lighting. Finally, Mark noted that the Pennsylvania Outdoor Lighting Council would make itself available to assist interested municipalities in generating a Lighting Ordinance.

Old Business:

Accu-Mold & Tool Co., Inc. – As-Built Plan – Chairman Ford noted that the Accu-Mold & Tool Co., Inc. – As-Built Plan had been conditionally approved by the Board of Supervisors at their March 8, 2010 meeting.

Act 24 Appalachian Trail Act- Both the intent of Act 24 and the associated uncertainties surrounding the requirements of complying with the Act were discussed. The Planning Commission indicated the need to postpone a response to the Act until a feasible solution could be determined.

Announcements: Chairman Ford noted that the Dauphin County Spring Outreach meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2010.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.