

Halifax Township
Planning Commission
Monthly Business Meeting

May 3, 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, Mark Reed and Steven Sipe 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: Flo Mallonee inquired as to the intent of the Planning Commission board in addressing the requirements of Act 23: The Appalachian Trail Act (formerly Act 24). Chairman Ford indicated that there were too many uncertainties surrounding the Act to attempt to develop any compliance measures at this time.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Ford indicated that the draft minutes for the April 5, 2010 Planning Commission meetings had been presented for approval. Randy Paul motioned to approve the April 5, 2010 minutes as presented. Bob Artman seconded the motion and the motion carried 5:0.

New Business:

Chairman Ford welcomed new member, Steven Sipe to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Ford then indicated that he and Mark Reed attended the Dauphin County Planning Commission's Outreach meeting held on April 15, 2010. Mark Reed then provided a summary of the topics discussed, including the Floodplain Ordinance updates for FEMA compliance.

Chairman Ford noted that at the April 12, 2010 Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, the board authorized the Planning Commission to begin a review of hazardous waste ordinances for consideration by the board. However, he noted that based on the initial research conducted, regulations and the corresponding oversight authority for hazardous waste sites would likely be the domain of federal and state agencies such as EPA and DEP and not the Township. As such, Chairman Ford indicated the need to obtain additional information from the board and the oversight agencies before further pursuing the development of a hazardous waste ordinance for the Township.

Old Business:

Bowers Proposed Wedding Facilities: Chairman Ford indicated that following further review of the SALDO, it was his opinion that the wedding tent facility proposed by the Bowers' did not constitute either a subdivision or land development and as such should not be subject to the provisions of SALDO, to which the other Planning Commission members agreed.

Act 23 Appalachian Trail Act (formerly Act 24): In light of the uncertainties surrounding complying with the requirements of the Act, Fred Ford reiterated that the Planning Commission would not be developing any compliance measures at this time.

Announcements: Bob Artman noted that the Valleys Regional Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7 PM at Wayne Township.

Adjournment: Bob Artman motioned to adjourn at 7:40PM. Steven Sipe seconded the motion and the vote carried 5:0.