

**Halifax Township**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Monthly Business Meeting**

**July 7, 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, Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky and Township Secretary, Shanemarie Ferguson were not required to attend in light of there being no formal business to conduct.

**Public Comment:**

Brad Bruner inquired of the progress on the FEMA maps. Fred Ford noted that Tom Wilson was still working on them. Discussion ensued as to the potential changes to the flood insurance requirements for homeowners. Fred then reviewed the deadlines for appeals, amendments and adoption of the new flood maps.

Flo Mallonee inquired as to when the public would be able to review any changes to the Township's SALDO. Fred Ford indicated that it would be some time as the Planning Commission was just beginning to review it for potential modifications.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Ford indicated that the draft minutes for the May 3, 2010 Planning Commission meeting had been presented for approval. Mark Reed motioned to approve the May 3, 2010 minutes as presented. Steve Sipe seconded the motion and the motion carried 5:0.

**New Business:**

**Deppen Sketch Plan Review:**

Mr. Allen Deppen and Mr. George Deppen presented a sketch plan of a simple land subdivision to the Planning Commission for indication of what might be required of them under the Township's SALDO. The Planning Commission members provided an initial assessment of the items that conceivably would need to be addressed.

**Old Business:**

**Act 23 of 2009: The Appalachian Trail Act** (formerly Act 24 of 2008):

Fred Ford noted that this item would be removed from the agenda for now, stating that at this time there was no guidance available for Townships that are without zoning.

Furthermore, he noted that while there is an implementation date of August 2010, there were no corresponding enforcement actions to be taken for failing to comply. Finally, Fred noted that Jim Szymborski of Dauphin County Planning Commission advised the Township to continue with its Regional Comprehensive Plan, stating that it could ultimately lead to regional zoning.

**SALDO Review:**

The Planning Commission began a preliminary review of Article 1, 2, and 3 of the SALDO for potential modifications. Section 4 will be the subject of review at the August meeting.

**Adjournment:** Bob Artman motioned to adjourn at 8:25PM. Mark Reed seconded the motion and the vote carried 5:0.