

**West Nottingham Township
Planning Commission
MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2020**

The West Nottingham Township Planning Commission held its reorganization/regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, 100 Park Road, Nottingham, Pennsylvania.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board members:

Neal Camens
Dennis Byrne
Bob Rohrer
David Ross
Lisa Foelster
Charice Russell (secretary)

Other Township Officials and Members of the Public

Scott Moran, CEO
Bill Romanelli

The meeting was called to order by Neal Camens, at 7:34 p.m. followed by the Salute to the Flag. As this was a reorganization (first meeting of the calendar year) meeting, **a motion was made by Bob Roher to nominate Neal Camens for chairman and Dennis Byrne for vice-chairman of the Planning Commission for the 2020 calendar year. Lisa Foelster seconded the motion, and without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.** After some discussion of the 2020 calendar year meeting schedule, **Dennis Byrne made a motion that “the Planning Commission will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.” Neal Camens seconded the motion, and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting minutes of the December 3, 2019 PC meeting were discussed, and a few spelling and grammatical errors were noted. **Neal Camens then moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 3, 2019 as they will be amended, David Ross seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

There are no projects at this time.

SUBDIVISION PROJECTS

Wicklow Land Development (Subdivision) – Neal stated that a new letter of extension was accepted by the BOS for the period up to and including January 15, 2021.

Dolinger Subdivision – Neal stated that the BOS accepted a letter of extension from the Project manager granting an extension until June 2, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

The ZHB variance application for the digital sign at Herrs corporate building was discussed. The conclusion as stated by Neal Camens was that, if the hearing is set for a date before the next PC meeting,

the PC is okay with not making a recommendation, and if the hearing is set for later, and if any new information is brought to light, it can be discussed at the February PC meeting.

Bill Romanelli was present on behalf of Jim Mark to ask about the allowances for impervious coverage as it may apply to the development of the “Barn” located on Ponds Edge Drive. He stated that he was confused about various percentages that seemed to be stated in different locations for this property. He asked the PC for clarification. After some discussion of the VCOM ordinances and purchasing TDRs, David also found Section 603.b that states that the BOS may modify the standards for a change or expansion of use. He stated that he was not sure if that would apply to impervious coverage and legality of using it in this case. It was determined that the Township Solicitor needs to be contacted on this issue. Bill offered to contact her, but since there is no money in escrow to pay for her time, he was asked not to contact her. It was decided that the Township would figure out how to look into this issue. He then asked if that if this issue went before the ZHB, would the PC consider making a recommendation. Scott stated that the first step would have to be some solid plans to look at. There was also a brief discussion on how they intend to handle the septic issue on the property. Scott stated that he would send Township Supervisor/Secretary Candie Miller an email detailing the issue and asking for her help in determining how to clarify the situation.

David suggested that the discussion of the Solicitor’s comments on the ordinance changes and the memo response regarding digital billboards be tabled until February’s meeting to give the PC members time to review them more thoroughly. Everyone was in agreement.

ORPC REPORT

David first gave a report from the December 4th Chester County Planning Commission Transportation Forum. David stated that West Nottingham’s portion of the Rt. 1 improvement plan will be last on the list to be worked on, but that all construction may have implications for traffic patterns in WNT. He also mentioned that multi-modal transportation grant money may be available for the expansion of the “park and ride.” The popularity of trails throughout the county was also discussed, and a steering committee has been selected to consider the possible locations of a Southern Chester County trail.

David then reported that during the Nov/Dec ORPC meeting there was discussion of filing grant applications to fund detailed mapping of the forest resources in the region. He also reported on the review of the results of the Stormwater grant that the Brandywine Conservancy and the Environmental Finance Center had, to be used to assess the availability of the Chesapeake area of Chester County region to meet the water quality goals. The ORPC found four of the seven recommendations that were made particularly pursuable: investing in education, integrating across water resource initiatives (getting many of the watershed organizations to cooperate to with the municipalities), employing joint capacity structures (creating a multi- municipal effort to save costs in meeting MS4 responsibilities), and protecting existing forest cover. David also shared his idea for creating an informal, multi-municipal, Regional Environmental Advisory Council that could collect and share information and may at some point become a more formal group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neal announced that the BOS second meeting of the month will be held on January 28, 2020. And the next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. was made by Dennis Byrne and seconded by Bob Rohrer. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charice Russell, Secretary