

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

September 4, 2013

An ETPC meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Navitski, on September 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Skip Garner, Carol Weaver, Todd Miller and Eileen Lieberman. Dick Bergey and Pat Moulds were absent.

Supervisor, Rodney D. May, and Township Secretary, Rita Snavely, were also present at the meeting. Township engineer, Bob Lynn, and County Planner, Gwen Newell, attended the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

New Business

Model Act 167 Update

At the August ETPC meeting, Township engineer, Bob Lynn, provided ETPC members with a working draft ordinance containing proposed language to amend and modify the Township's current Stormwater Management Ordinance to comply with Act 167 requirements. ETPC members were requested to review the draft for discussion at this meeting. Draft #2 of the Ordinance has been prepared and the revisions were incorporated into the discussion. The Township solicitor has been requested to review the Ordinance and provide comments. Mr. Lynn provided all members with an outline of items to be addressed. Some items will actually be addressed by the solicitor. The County received confirmation from PA DEP that the municipalities will not have to adopt their revised ordinances until six months from formal adoption of the amended County Model Ordinance. Mr. Lynn does not necessarily feel an extension is a positive approach if the municipality is ready to adopt its revised Ordinance by November 2013. He suggests moving forward with the Ordinance and dealing with exemptions as necessary. Bob reviewed the exemptions and the administrative policy for processing exemptions. Small projects and the parameters to qualify for a small project plan were discussed. A cumulative benefit for impervious area will need to be determined by the Township. The consensus of the members was 2,500 square feet. A starting date for exemption tracking will need to be selected. Connections of roof drains to Township storm piping is not recommended by Mr. Lynn. A fee or improvement guaranty structure will also need to be considered. The requirement for a geologic evaluation on small projects in karst geologic areas was discussed. Various aspects of minor projects and permits vs. major projects and permits were reviewed. The Township will need to clarify Maintenance Funds and Inspection Requirements contained in the model ordinance. ETPC members agreed the fees should be more for inspection purposes. There are no provisions in the model ordinance for cisterns. It must be decided if decks and patios will be considered impervious.

It was agreed to schedule a joint meeting between ETPC and the Board of Supervisors on September 19, 2013, the date of the regularly scheduled ETPC workshop meeting, to discuss revisions to be made to the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Public Participation

Gwen noted that a Regional Planning breakfast will be held in October 2013 at Gus's Restaurant in Mt. Joy.

Other Business

A workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular ETPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Skip Garner, seconded by Carol Weaver, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Snavely
Recording Secretary