

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 2, 2016

An ETPC meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Navitski, on March 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Tom Moyer, Carol Weaver, Pat Moulds, Todd Miller, Skip Garner and Eileen Lieberman.

Supervisors, Rodney D. May and Jeff Burkholder, Township Secretary, Rita Snavelly, and LCPC Planner, Gwen Newell, attended the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 3, 2016 were approved as presented.

Correspondence

A memo was received from the Board of Supervisors requesting that ETPC acknowledge and support, in writing, the Board's grant application to PA DCNR for rehabilitation of the Township's tot lot. A motion was made by Pat Moulds, seconded by Skip Garner, to support the grant application. Motion carried. Supervisor May explained the grant and requested that ETPC members consider volunteering some time to assist with the project and include any willingness to volunteer in the letter of acknowledgement and support. Several members agreed to volunteer their time. Pat Moulds stated that the Ambucs of Lititz would probably donate time and funds toward the project. Pat offered to contact the Ambucs. A Sketch Plan of the improvement project is being prepared by Bob Lynn of Hanover Engineering and will be presented to ETPC when completed. MS4 improvements are also being included in the Plan.

New Business

Country Ag Service - Request for Waiver of Land Development

Kevin Varner from Diehm and Sons Surveyors attended the meeting with owner and applicant, Earl Zimmerman, and reviewed the site plan with ETPC members. Applicants, Earl and Brenda Zimmerman, purchased 143 East 28th Division Highway and plan to operate their business on the property. The business consists of repairing and rebuilding metal silos and associated equipment. A Land Development Plan, Sewage Module and PennDOT permit were obtained by the previous owner, Loman Control Systems. Mr. Varner provided some background on previous site and owner activity and explained the extent of the current Applicant's construction project and planned site improvements. A small project storm water management application is being processed with the Township due to the minor amount of impervious area being added on the site. Based on the minor nature of the plan, along with all the prior approvals obtained, Applicant is requesting a waiver of the requirement for submission and approval of an LCPC land development plan. Following questions, comments and discussion, a motion was made by Pat Moulds, seconded by Skip Garner, to recommend that the waiver request be granted, contingent upon Applicant recording the Small Project Stormwater Management Agreement as requested by the County. Motion carried.

Parking Ordinance

Supervisor Rodney May advised ETPC members that a request has again been made for the Township to consider developing a Parking Ordinance that would prohibit parking on certain subdivision streets or limit parking to one side only of certain subdivision streets. This matter was researched and discussed at length several years ago by ETPC and the Supervisors and then tabled generally. Supervisor May explained that recently a fire incident on Sharona Drive triggered the fire chief to approach the Board of Supervisors with the concern that on-street parking may cause a problem with fire and emergency rescue vehicle access to properties when personal vehicles are parked on road rights-of way instead of driveways. ETPC was requested to provide comments or suggestions. Chairman Navitski read to the members a memo from 2009 that recommended adoption of a Parking Ordinance. The matter was discussed at length by those present at the meeting. Four members of ETPC favored banning parking on two sides of streets while three members preferred banning parking on one side of streets only. The Township would need to appoint an individual to enforce a Parking Ordinance, if adopted. The Township Solicitor is researching some details that would need to be taken into consideration with regard to enforcement.

Public Participation

LCPC Planner, Gwen Newell, invited members to attend one of four scheduled meetings throughout the county and to be part of the discussion of Lancaster County's Comprehensive Plan update. The meetings are in April 2016. The Township secretary was requested to provide the specific meeting information to ETPC members. Any member wishing to attend a meeting is requested to RSVP inasmuch as food will be provided at the meetings.

Other Business

It was agreed there is no reason to hold a Workshop Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

The next regular ETPC meeting, will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Pat Moulds, seconded by Todd Miller, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Snavely
Recording Secretary