February 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Planning Commission was held Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairwoman Barbara Nalle presiding.

Members Present: Barb Nalle, Chris Hefner, Sheila Grimm, Thomas Naugle, Michael McCalpin, Daniel Weimer, and Martin Knizner.

Others Present: Township Manager Michael Strelic, and Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Thomas Naugle made a motion to accept the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Chris Hefner. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

none

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Code updates:

Chairwoman Nalle credited Zoning Officer Rick Krouse for his work, as well as Supervisors Verna and Beaufort for their review

A motion was made by Sheila Grimm and seconded by Michael McCalplin to send the zoning ordinance to Supervisors for their review. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Lewis Thomas Plan 3:

Mr. Krouse explained that this is a simple subdivision, no nonconformities existing or created. What is unusual is a 10 acre exception related to sewage. The owners do meet all of the requirements they need to get that exception, including ownership prior to 1987 (family has owned since 1971), a DEP form, and a promise that the property will be a residential structure. Chris Hefner further explained that this septic exemption is only for long time property owners. It is a state law, unless a local municipality passes an ordinance prohibiting.

Martin Knizner questioned whether the owner would need a permit for his septic system. Mr. Krouse replied that the owner would not need to get a permit for his septic system, but that the owner will still be putting in a system.

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Sheila Grimm to recommend the plan to the Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

GENERAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairwoman Nalle asked about the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Strelic replied that the Supervisors did discuss at their last meeting, but the Board thought that there were not enough remaining actionable items to recreate the joint comprehensive plan committee with the Borough.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Thomas Naugle and seconded by Sheila Grimm to adjourn the meeting. All of the Commission was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Strelic Township Manager