

Ligonier Township Planning Commission

January 23, 2020

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Nalle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Ms. Grimm. Present were: Mr. Darr, Ms. McBroom, Mr. McCalpin, Ms. Nalle, Mr. McCalpin and Mr. Weimer. Ms. Corb was absent.

Also present were: Township Code Enforcement Officer Keith Ashley, Township Engineer Jacob Bolby, and Jim Nieuwma Zoning Officer.

PLANNING COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Mr. Ashley called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee. Ms. Nalle was the only nominee. Mr. Darr provided the motion to nominate Ms. Nalle which was seconded by Ms. Grimm. Ms. Nalle accepted the nomination. Ms. Nalle was appointed Chair for 2020 on a 5 – 0 vote.

Ms. Nalle asked for nominees for the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Darr was nominated by Ms. McBroom. There were no other nominees. Mr. Darr accepted the nomination. Ms. McBroom made a motion to appoint Mr. Darr as Vice-Chair and Ms. Grimm provided a second. Mr. Darr was appointed as Vice-Chair by a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Nalle called for nominees for the position of Secretary. Ms. McBroom and Ms. Grimm were nominated. Ms. McBroom's nomination failed to get a second. Ms. Grimm indicated she would accept the nomination. Ms. McBroom motioned to appoint Ms. Grimm Secretary and a second was provided by Mr. Darr.

REVIEW OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Nalle requested a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019. Mr. Darr made a motion to approve the November which Ms. Grimm seconded. The November 21, 2019 minutes were approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edward Oles commented on the oil & gas drilling industry.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Douglas Coffman (Markosky Engineering) provided an update on the Ligonier Camp & Conference Center project. Mr. Bolby provided comments also and recommended condition final approval of the project. Mr. Darr mad a motion to conditionally approve the project and a second was received from Ms. McBroom. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Kornes and Mr. Ashley provided comments on the proposed oil & gas revisions to the Ligonier Township Zoning Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion it was decided the Commission will meet in a work session to review specific proposed revisions concerning the oil & gas industry.

Mr. Kornes and Mr. Nieuwma will draft discussion points for the Commission. The Commission will hold a work session to fully review the proposed oil & gas revision. Ms. Grimm volunteered to coordinate a date and time for the work session.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission considered a proposed subdivision of the Emma Clark estate. Ms. McBroom made a motion to grant conditional approval for this project which was seconded by Ms. Grimm. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Nieuwma discussed proposed revisions to the Township Zoning Ordinance. That discussion included how to regulate “small” solar installations.

Mr. Donald Laudadio addressed the Commission concerning a subdivision plan he anticipates filing in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Ashley informed the Commission that two Public Meetings have been scheduled relative to the Ligonier Beach Park. Both meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at Fort Ligonier one on Wednesday, February 19th and another on Wed. March 25th.

GENERAL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. McBroom motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Grimm. The motion passed 5 - 0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.