

PARADISE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMISSION:

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Regular Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022

Roll Call

David Brown
Donna Alker
Joan Merli
Robert MacDonald (Absent)
Robert Romagnolo (Tardy)
Charles Unangst, Engineer
Timothy McManus, Esquire – Solicitor

Reorganization:

Motion: Alker moved seconded by Merli to appoint Brown as Temporary Chairman.
Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion: Alker moved seconded by Merli to appoint Brown as Chairman.
Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion: Alker moved seconded by Brown to appoint Merli as Vice Chairman.
Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion: Merli moved seconded by Alker to appoint Romagnolo as Secretary.
Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion: Alker moved seconded by Merli to continue to hold Planning Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Paradise Township Building.
Motion carried: 3-0.

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the January 11, 2022 Regular Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. The meeting was held at the Paradise Township Municipal Building, located at 5912 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, PA.

Public Comment Statement

Chairman Brown announced the following public comment statement: “Ladies and gentlemen, before the Planning Commission votes on any matter, the Commission will allow for public comment on that particular item. If you wish to be heard at that time, please raise your hand, and you will be recognized.” (At that time, please state your name for the record.)

Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Merli moved seconded by Romagnolo to approve the Sept 14, 2021 minutes.

Motion carried: 3-0. (Brown was absent for Sept. meeting)

October 13, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Alker moved seconded by Merli to approve the Oct 13, 2021 minutes.

Motion carried: 3-0. (Romagnolo & MacDonald were absent for Oct. meeting)

Open Plans

None.

New Submittals for Acceptance

None.

Proposed Ordinances

Short Term Rental Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Commission reviewed MCPC comment letter dated Nov. 4, 2021 in regards to Short-Term Rentals Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The amendments propose to only permit Short-term rentals within primarily commercial zoning districts.

Motion: Merli moved and seconded by Romagnolo to recommend to the Board of Supervisor to adopt the Short -Term Rental Ordinance as amended.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Other Business

Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendments

Motion: Romagnolo moved and seconded by Merli to accept the Board of Supervisors recommendation to extend the B-1 District on Route 390 down to Koerners Rd.

Motion carried: 3-1. (Brown aye; Merli aye; Romagnolo aye; Alker nay)

Motion: Merli moved and seconded by Romagnolo to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the draft ordinance amendments with McManus’s revisions including all exhibits and maps.

Motion carried: 3-1. (Brown aye; Merli aye; Romagnolo aye; Alker nay)

Comprehensive Plan Zoning Districts

Steve Dellinger from Hanover Engineering was in attendance to discuss areas of zoning changes in Chapter 4 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: Alker moved and seconded by Merli to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to: (1) rezone the Nothstein Tract in the northern portion of the Township and the Kurmes Nature Preserve (Pocono Heritage Land Trust) tract east of Mount Pocono Borough

from RR to OSC as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan; (2)

Rezone the portions of Cranberry Creek Estates Development that are currently zoned OSC and B-1 to R-1 as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan; and (3)

Rezone the existing B-1 zoning district at the intersection of route 191 and 715 to the proposed B-3 zoning district.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion: Merli moved seconded by Alker to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid DeWitt
Administrative Secretary