

AMITY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Amity Township Planning Commission was held at the Amity Township Municipal Building located at 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, Berks County, PA. The meeting was called to order by Paul Weller, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M. with a salute to the flag. The following people were in attendance:

Commission

Paul Weller - Chairman
Dwight Buckwalter
Terry Jones

Staff

Mr. Alexander J. Elliker, Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor
Mr. John Weber, LTL Consultants, Engineer
Mr. Troy Bingaman, Amity Township Manager
Kathie Benson, Amity Township Planning Commission

Dwight Buckwalter moved seconded by Paul Weller to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 10, 2018. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Auto Zone -1123 Ben Franklin Highway- Final Plan-Penn E&R-David Weaver

Approved Conditionally 07/19/17

Mr. Bingaman reported the earth moving activity has stopped. Mr. Bingaman reported he was in a meeting with PennDOT on a separate issue and inquired about the HOP. PennDOT's response was they are very close to issuing a permit.

MOOVE IN SELF STORAGE/B&S STORAGE-SKETCH PLAN

Mr. John Gilliland, equitable owner, of the former B&S Storage site, reviewed the sketch plan as they designed. He acknowledged there were issues with the previous site and he had a better understanding with what is considered existing and what is not. Mr. Weber suggested they meet with the existing adjoining property owners to discuss their problems with the water runoff from this site. Mr. Gilliland agreed to talk with them. The parking near the office was discussed and Mr. Weber stated the Township does not want to have parking in the buffer zone. Kevin Ember, McCarthy Engineering agreed to look at other options. Jeffrey Smith, Amity Township Fire Marshall, provided a review letter recommending a dry standing pipe in the two story buildings, to aid in getting water to any possible fire. McCarthy Engineers and Mr. Gilliland agreed to check on a design and cost. Kevin Ember, McCarthy Engineering will look at a Stormwater Design to see if this all can continue to work.

ZONING

Martinuzzi-207 Monocacy Creek Rd-Build a home on the lot. Current zoning (Commercial) does not allow for a home to be built. There was a home in bad condition that was torn down and they would like to rebuild. Mr. Jones moved seconded by Mr. Weller to recommend the Zoning Hearing Board approve the application and allow this build. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Levengood's Flowers-Electronic Sign- 7652 Boyertown Pike. Mr. Levengood is requesting to place an electronic sign to replace the existing sign at his store. Electronic signs are not permitted in the LDR district. After discussion Mr. Jones moved seconded by Mr. Buckwalter to recommend the Zoning Hearing Board approve this application. *Motion carried unanimously.*

ORDINANCES

Mr. Bingaman reported the street and curb ordinance has been advertised and will be up for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Weller reported the Board of Supervisor's received a resignation from Steven Chieffo and they are actively looking for a replacement.

OTHER PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

Mr. Bingaman reported there is a Meeting with the Berks County Planning Commission to give and update and briefing on the Berks County Vision 2030. The meeting is at 5:30PM at the Birdsboro office.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Buckwalter to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathie Benson
PC Secretary**