

SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF MONROE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF MARCH 31, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES (Revised)

1./2. Call to Order and Members Present:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Planning Commissioner Chair Attorney Scott Amori. Along with Commissioner Amori, Commissioners D. Schryver, M. Albert and C. Bowers were all physically present in the meeting room at the Township Municipal Building. Commissioners R. Moses, D. Strunk, M. Bowyer were absent. The meeting was also live-streamed remotely.

In addition to the above Commissioners, the other Township officials who attended the meeting were Township Supervisor Chair Jacob Pride (who arranged the live stream), Township Supervisor Lovenheim (as an observer and/or public commentator), Township Engineer Jon A. Tresslar, PE and Township Solicitor Ronold J. Karasek, Esquire all of whom were also physically present in the meeting room.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: was recited.

4. Minutes: There were no minutes to approve.

5. Public Comments on the Agenda: None.

6. New Business and Plans to Act On:

While there were no plans to act on, the Commission was required to review additional comments (a second set) made by the Monroe County Planning Commission (MCPC) to the pending amendments to the Economic Development (ED) Zoning District as per the MCPC Review Letter of March 11, 2022.

Supervisor Chair Pride discussed the additional amendments as per this MCPC Review Correspondence in conjunction with the Township Office Manager-J. Heilakka Response by her own Letter dated March 25, 2022 and which letters were part of the Meeting Packet.

These additional amendments consisted of formatting changes which corrected citation and section references; definition of terms i.e. the addition of "Adventure Lodging" and the deletion of "Small Wireless Communications Facility", "Wireless Communications Facility", "Manufacturing" and "No-Impact Home-Based Business"; and, the deletion of the Zoning Map Amendments.

Supervisor Pride was hoping to have the additional amendments approved by the Township Board of Supervisors at either the April 13 or the April 27 meetings.

On motion by Commissioner Albert, seconded by Commissioner Chair Amori (and on a 4-0 vote), the additional amendments as outlined in the Heilakka Letter of March 25, 2022 were recommended for approval.

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. Public Comment:

Supervisor Chair Pride stated that he would like the Township to address the noise/nuisance ordinance in the coming weeks; and, Supervisor Lovenheim stated that should also include the sign ordinance.

Commissioner Albert brought to the attention of the Commission the dam/reservoir water release in upstate New York state that could bring massive amounts of water downstream and all along the Delaware River. He explained how maintaining reservoir levels at certain heights creates this issue. He also stated that he spoke with the City of Easton, Northampton County, PA about this problem. Apparently, very few municipalities (along with government officials i.e. State Representative Brown and State Senator Scavello) are aware of this.

9. Adjournment: There being no other business coming before the Commission and on motion of Commissioner M. Albert and seconded by Commissioner Chair Amori and on a vote of 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

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