

Reading Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

November 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of Reading Township Planning Commission was held at Reading Township Municipal Building and called to order at 6:31pm by Chairman William Bowen. Planning Commission members in attendance included Chairman Bowen, Vice Chairperson Alicia Wooters, Secretary Dana Shuman & John Biese.

Others in attendance included Susan J Smith, Solicitor, Kevin Fox, P.E. of Gannett Flemming, Inc., Andrew Merkel, ACOPD, Mr. & Mrs. Wade Emig, Bruce & Rebecca Detweiler, Jason Phillips and Kevin Holtzinger, Reading Township Supervisors.

Alicia Wooters made a motion to accept the September 8, 2021 minutes with corrections, Chairman Bowen second, the motion carried unanimously.

ZONING HEARING

Bruce L Detweiler
3046 East Berlin Rd.
East Berlin, PA 17316

Landowner, Bruce Detweiler is requesting a Special Exception for his property at 3046 East Berlin Rd. Mr. Detweiler and his wife Rebecca would like to place a trailer on their 55 acre property for their elderly parents to live. Mr. Biese reminded Mr. Detweiler that there is a Township Ordinance §27-1308.K, which states that an accessory dwelling of such would need to be removed when no longer in use within 180 days. Mr. Detweiler is aware. John Biese made a motion to recommend the Zoning Hearing Board review the application, Alicia Wooters second, the motion carried unanimously.

Wade & Jill Emig
225 Sowers Rd.
East Berlin, PA 17316

Mr. & Mrs. Emig are requesting a Special Exception/Variance for their property at 225 Sowers Rd. The property is zoned Land Conservation, they would like to purchase a neighboring 10 acres and adjoin it to their property for agricultural purposes. The property at 225 Sowers Rd. in currently zoning Land Conservation, the neighboring 10 acres they wish to adjoin is zoned

Agricultural Conservation. The Special Exception being sought is for the expansion of a pre-existing, non-conforming lot. §27-1403. The Variance being sought is for an exception of an expansion of 3 acre size lot to a 10 acre lot §27-403.D & §27-403.A.2 (b). Alicia Wooters made a motion to recommend the Zoning Hearing Board review the application, Dana Shuman second, the motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

A list of potential review areas of Township Ordinances provided from Land & Services as well as a joint review list from the Township Solicitor and Andrew Merkel. The Ordinances in question, could use updating. The Planning Commission decided to take the lists home to review and discuss at the December 6,2021 Meeting.

Andrew Merkel provided the maps of the Eastern Adams County Joint Comprehensive Plan-Preferred Future Land Use. Mr. Merkel stated that these maps should be updated every 10 years. He is looking for the PC's interest to do a review/possible update. The review can be done again, jointly with surrounding municipalities or the review can be done singularly. The Planning Commission will look for Mr. Merkel to report back at the next meeting on how other surrounding municipalities may be addressing this item.

Supervisor Jason Phillips asked the Mr. Biese & Mr. Bowen if they plan to continue to stay on the Planning Commission once their terms come to an end on January 1, 2022. Mr. Biese stated that he will be retiring, but would be willing to stay on for a few months until another member could be found. Mr. Bowen wishes to continue with another term.

ADJOURNMENT

Alicia Wooters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm, Bill Bowen second, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant