

Reading Township Planning Commission
Regular meeting
April 1, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Reading Township Planning Commission was held at the Reading Township Municipal Building and called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman William Bowen. Planning Commission members in attendance were Gerald Shank, Alicia Wooters and Dana Shuman with Vice-Chairman Bowen presiding.

Others in attendance included Attorney Victor Neubaum, Solicitor and Andrew Merkel, Senior Planner for Adams County Office of Planning & Development.

The March 4, 2019 minutes were approved as written on a motion by Mr. Shank and seconded by Ms. Wooters; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

There were no submissions for discussion.

ZONING HEARING

No agenda item this month.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recreation Plan Committee

The Planning Commission began a preliminary discussion concerning the implementation of a Recreation Committee. The Planning Commission received sample documents from Mr. Merkel that will be distributed by Mr. Wilt. Mr. Merkel presented the Planning Commission with a few preliminary concepts as they begin developing a Recreation Committee. He stated there are basically two common options when developing a committee:

Option 1 – The Recreation Committee has full authority in all decisions and expenditure of funds received from the Recreation Plan Ordinance.

Option 2 – The Recreation Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors have final authority on all decisions and expenditure of funds.

Mr. Merkel presented additional considerations for those serving on the Recreation Committee. Normally a committee of this type would have 5 – 7 members with potential members coming

from possibly the East Berlin Area Community Center, those who presently use the Hampton ball fields, a representative from the Planning Commission, a representative from the Board of Supervisors and other people from the community who would be willing to volunteer their time to serve in this capacity.

Attorney Neubaum suggested coming up with 20 names of those who may be potential volunteers based on geographical diversity and presenting those to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. He also suggested that while it is still very early in the formation process, it may be wise to consider some written parameters of the purpose of this type of committee and their responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Shank and a second by Ms. Wooters; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Garry R. Wilt
Administrative Assistant