

Sheshequin Township Planning Commission

September 3, 2003 Minutes

meeting location: Sheshequin Township Office

ATTENDANCE: Commission Members present: Jody Stroud, Rob Sweppenheiser, Laura Blain, Marshall Fuller, Ty Reynard, Skip Smith, Greg Grenier; absent: Bob Whipple; also present: Richard Holschuh and Eric Matthews.

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm by Chairperson Jody Stroud. She welcomed Greg as a new member to the commission, and welcomed Richard and Eric as guests.

PRIOR MINUTES: Minutes from the prior meeting were distributed; a Fuller/Reynard motion was passed to approve the August 6, 2003 minutes as distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMUNICATIONS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Driveway Permits: A draft ordinance provided to the Supervisors by Jon Foster, solicitor, was reviewed tonight. This commission felt it was too lengthy and intimidating, and also reviewed several other samples from other townships. It was agreed that the main purpose of this ordinance was simply to require permits in order to track new driveways and provide a means of insuring some design recommendations. It was suggested that the ordinance remain as simple as possible, and instead rely on the township code, section 2326 separately if there were issues of damage to deal with. (Section 2326. Obstructions and Nuisances. - Any person who obstructs any public road or commits any nuisance thereon by felling trees, making fences, turning the road, diverting water onto or in any other way and who does not, on notice given by the board of supervisors, immediately remove the obstruction or nuisance and repair the damages done to the road commits a summary offense. Nothing in this section shall debar a prosecution for any nuisance as in case of misdemeanor at common law. Source:

<http://www.psats.org/townshipcode/article23.html>)

A Blain/Smith motion was passed to recommend a simplified and shortened ordinance to the supervisors, with the attached sample provided; with the fees and design requirements set by motion or as an attached schedule rather than included as part of the ordinance language.

Logging Ordinance: A Grenier/Reynard motion was passed to recommend passing a logging/quarry ordinance in conjunction with the driveway ordinance, with a sample provided that will need language revisions to include quarry operations.

Comprehensive Plan: We are still seeking to view completed plans from other townships. Laura provided sample charts that can be generated from the excel data we have already collected, and requested the most recent file from Jody.

Planning Commission Vacancies: Greg was appointed to fill Jason Wanck's position (term expires 2006). Skip relayed a message from Scott Shores that he was not interested in serving at this time, and Richard indicated that he would like to have more time to consider it. Eric expressed his willingness to accept a position. A Reynard/Smith motion was made to recommend that the supervisors appoint Eric Matthews to fill the vacancy left by Roberta Sabitus-Place's resignation, with a term expiring December 2004.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subdivision reviews: none this month.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: October 1, 2003, 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Blain, Planning Commission Secretary