

Sheshequin Township Planning Commission

October 16, 2002 Minutes

Sheshequin Township Building,

Attendance: Commission Members present: Jody Stroud, Laura Blain, Marshall Fuller, Skip Smith, Rob Sweppenheiser, Roberta Sabitus; Absent: Dewey Hart, Bob Cole, Ty Reynard, Also present: Solicitor Jon Foster, Aaron Lankford from Bradford County Planning Office, and Mary Neiley from Bradford County Sanitation Committee.

The meeting was opened at 7pm by Jody Stroud.

Prior Minutes: Laura read the minutes from the prior meeting; a Sabitus-Place/Fuller motion was passed to approve the September 18, 2002 minutes as read.

Subdivisions: Mary Neiley of Bradford County Sanitation Department explained the process of subdivision review, sharing several examples of modules and maps. She asked about our time line, explaining that the Sanitation Department reviews modules first, then they are forwarded to the County Planning Commission for review by the first Wednesday of the month. Our township supervisors need them in time to review at their meeting on the second Monday of the month, to be returned to the County Planning Commission by the third Tuesday. In order for our local planning commission to review and comment prior to township meetings, we would need to meet in the week before the township instead of after.

A Smith/Fuller motion was approved to change the Sheshequin Township Planning Commission meetings to the FIRST Wednesday of each month, beginning November 6, 2002. Because of the holiday, in January, the meeting will be January 8th, 2003. The meeting will remain the same, 7pm.

Subdivisions will be available at the township building office at 6pm to allow time to preview before the scheduled meeting.

Aaron Lankford of Bradford County Planning Commission discussed the Municipal Planning Code, and will have a copy of the plan sent to us. He reviewed the responsibilities and authorities of a commission, pointed out training courses available, offered to assist in mapping, and stressed the availability of his office as a resource. (570-265-1715) In response to some concerns expressed, he noted that developers can be required to reimburse engineer fees instead of having the township absorb those costs.

Reading/reference materials: Jody, Rob, and Roberta returned copies of the Athens Borough Comprehensive, passing them along to others. After reviewing, Roberta believed it would be valuable for each commission member to have a copy, so more copies will be made available at the next meeting.

Benjamin Stone Quarry request: The Supervisors asked the Planning Commission to offer an opinion regarding a 7/3/02 letter from Gary Benjamin that requests permission to work within 30 feet of the road instead of at DEP's recommended limitation of 100 feet. After brief discussion, a unanimous decision was made to recommend denying the request.

Resignation/Appointment: Roberta announced that Dewey Hart resigned from the Planning Commission because of scheduling conflicts. The Supervisors have appointed Stan Janiak to fill his vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting: November 6, 2002, 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Blain, Planning Commission Secretary