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Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

Attendance: Commissioners Gary Summers, Sean Rafferty, Mickey Bailey, Matt Murphy, Rob Miller, and Santosh (Sam) Kanjula.

Consultant in attendance: Kristin Camp, P.C., Solicitor.

1. **Call to Order:** Summers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Appointments and Election of PC Chairman/Vice Chairman:** Secretary stated that during the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting, the Board reappointed Sean Rafferty with a term to expire December 31, 2021 or until a replacement is named. MOTION: Miller moved, Rafferty seconded, to nominate Summers to serve as Chairman; motion carried. MOTION: Bailey moved, Murphy seconded, to nominate Sean Rafferty to serve as Vice Chairman; motion carried. Commissioners discussed 2 vacancies for 2018. One resident submitted a letter of interest following the posting on the township website. He will attend the meeting on February 7th. Bailey and Rafferty offered that they have reached out to prospective members to gauge their interest. Kanjula will circulate the opportunity via the homeowners association for his community.
3. **2018 Public Meeting Schedule:** Secretary reported that the Board of Supervisors will hold one monthly meeting being the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. If needed, the Board will hold work sessions on the Tuesday before the public meeting.
 - a. Regular public meetings - Commissioners agreed to continue to hold the PC regular public meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. 10 times per year.
 - b. Meeting conflicts - ordinarily the PC does not meet in August. However, recognizing that July 4th is the first Wednesday of the month, the Commissioners agreed to shift the schedule so that they will meet on August 1st and hold no meeting in July. The PC does not meet in December.
4. **Public Comment:** no public comment.
5. **Commission Vacancies:** no additional discussion beyond that which was discussed under agenda item #2 above.
6. **Pre-Draft Chapter 147 Parks and Recreation Areas:** Camp led the discussion for edits to the current iteration of Chapter 147 of the Township Code. She noted that most municipalities are revising park ordinances with an eye toward simplifying them without specific references. PC reviewed the sports facilities and other improvements currently in place at each of the 4 park locations: Locust Grove Road entrance (athletic fields, picnic pavilion, playground, exercise trail); South Wawaset Road entrance (tennis and basketball courts); Barnard House property (trail head and picnic area); and Denton Hollow Road (access trail to picnic area along Pocopson Creek). Edits discussed included but were not limited to the following:
 - a. Controlling dogs/reasonable control
 - b. Township Deer Management Committee controlled hunt on Township park property

- c. Rules posted at park sites, i.e., no alcohol, fireworks, smoking, motorized vehicles; it was noted that the logistics of enforcement remain an issue
- d. Designated paths for pedestrians and equestrians (acceptable as is currently written)
- e. Posting or distribution of marketing/advertising material
- f. Drones - PC discussed at length the permitting of drones taking into consideration such factors as potentially designating a specific park site for such purposes given that the Locust Grove entrance site includes the soccer and baseball fields that are reserved for organized sports activities. Secretary indicated that the Township approves 3 rocket launch applications per year and takes care not to issue approval if a league has reserved a playing field so that there is no interference. Camp suggested that language in the ordinance include limiting or prohibiting use of unmanned aircraft (drones, model airplanes) at a park site if an organized sporting event or social activity is scheduled.

7. **Approval of November 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** MOTION: Miller moved, Rafferty seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

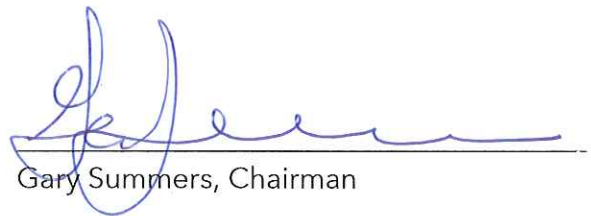
8. **Other Business:**

- a. House Bill No. 1620 - Proposed legislation/wireless communication facilities - Camp provided collateral material regarding this Bill which will strip municipalities of any authority or input as to the location, design or height of the wireless facility. Secretary indicated that during the reorganization meeting January 2, 2018, the Board enacted Resolution 2018-4 opposing the legislation. The Resolution was sent to elected officials.
- b. Route 52 and 926 intersection - Kanjula requested that the Township contact Pennsbury Township regarding significant traffic delays and congestion at this intersection. PC agreed that there are issues at this intersection that should be brought to the attention of PennDOT and that perhaps Pennsbury Township would be the appropriate source to do so as the signal is located in Pennsbury. Camp agreed that it is worth voicing the concern as it would create a record for the municipality in the event a permit or development application is filed.

9. **Adjournment:** At 8:09 p.m. Miller moved, Rafferty seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.



 Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



 Gary Summers, Chairman