



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

Commissioners in Attendance: Gary Summers, Sean Rafferty, Matt Murphy, Santosh "Sam" Kanjula, Mickey Bailey.

Commissioner Absent: Rob Miller

Consultant in Attendance: Kim Venzie, Esquire, PC Solicitor.

1. **Call to Order:** Summers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** no public comment. Summers welcomed Paul Cardell and John Hess both are residents interested in being appointed to fill the current PC vacancies. Following brief introductions, Cardell and Hess indicated that while very interested in serving, their concerns are that they do not have knowledge of the process for drafting ordinances. Commissioners answered their questions about the work of the PC and assured them that resources exist to help them with their work, specifically the ordinance work. The appointment of Cardell and Hess is listed for the February 26th Board of Supervisors public meeting agenda.
3. **Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 147 "Parks and Recreational Areas" ("Parks"):** Venzie circulated a 2nd iteration of the proposed draft amendment of the Township Code. She reported that all previous edits have been incorporated and the layout adjusted for readability. Discussion regarding the 2nd iteration included but was not limited to the following:
 - a. The proposed draft is submitted to replace Chapter 147 in its entirety.
 - b. Equestrian usage will remain the same as that which appears in the current Chapter. Bailey asked if bridle paths are clearly posted so as to limit equestrian usage to a given area of the park. Summers noted that the Township trails and park areas intersect with private lands that are used by fox hunts. Given that the PC does not recommend prohibiting access for fox hunting, the Commissioners are inclined to keep equestrian references as currently written.
 - c. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except that which is needed to provide maintenance and for emergency response. Kanjula noted that Section F might be rewritten for clarity with regard to motorized wheelchairs which should be exempt from any regulations. PC agreed that rewriting the phrase or a comma insertion will simplify the meaning of this section so as not to prohibit motorized wheelchairs.
 - d. Section I sets forth rules regarding disposal of waste materials. Bailey asked if the reference to the use of receptacles in the park for waste is clearly stated. Commissioners felt that the language is specific to identify that the receptacles are for waste material in the park and not waste material or recyclables brought from home or other areas and then disposed of in the park.
 - e. Section J provides language as to the specific length of a leash not to exceed eight feet. During discussion, PC noted that dog owners often use long line leashes for training so they are not inclined to limit the leash to eight feet. All agreed that the purpose of Section J is for dog owners to maintain reasonable control over the animals.

f. Section P indicates certain fireworks prohibited. This language does not appear to be in conflict with the language of current Code Chapter 78, Fireworks. Commissioners noted that they should add Chapter 78, Fireworks, to the list of proposed ordinance amendments given the enactment of new state laws and regulations during 2017.

g. A final working draft will be included on the March Meeting Agenda.

4. **Public Meeting Schedule:** Commissioners noted that the Board of Supervisors Work Session, if needed, will be February 20th at 6:30 p.m. The regular public meeting will be held on February 26th at 6:30 p.m. The next Planning Commission meeting will be March 7th at 7:30 p.m.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Rafferty moved, Kanjula seconded, to approve the January 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.
6. **Other Business:** Kanjula requested assistance regarding submission of pothole concerns on Route 52 – a state road that the Township Public Works Department plows for snow and ice removal but is maintained by PennDOT. Secretary will forward the links from the Township website for contacting PennDOT District 6 to file a damage claim and to report a road maintenance issue.
7. **Adjournment:** At 7:53 p.m., Rafferty moved, Kanjula seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Gary Summers, Chairman