



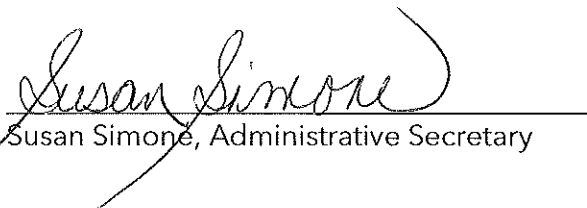
Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 3, 2017, 7:30 P.M.

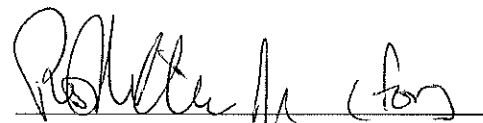
**Commissioners in Attendance:** Gary Summers, Santosh Kanjula, Rob Miller, Meg Johnson, Matt Murphy. **Commissioners Absent:** Suzy Breiseth, Sean Rafferty, Mickey Bailey.

**Public in attendance:** 0

1. **Call to Order:** Summers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** no public comment on non-agenda items.
3. **Ordinances:**
  - a. **FEMA Floodplain Final Iteration** - at the request of the Township Solicitor, PC reviewed tracked changes to coordinate the new floodplain article with the existing code. There are minor changes to sections 3.01, 3.11, 4.04, and 9.02 which FEMA confirmed as acceptable. **MOTION:** Miller moved, Johnson seconded, to recommend approval of the tracked changes and that the Secretary be directed to submit the proposed draft ordinance to the Chester County Planning Commission for comment and review and that the Board of Supervisors consider the ordinance for adoption; motion carried.
4. **DRAFT Guidelines for Placing Temporary Signs:** PC reviewed a draft document prepared by the Zoning Official titled "Rules for Placing Temporary Signs in Pocopson Township". PC is very much in favor of posting the guidelines on the website and appreciate the document as similar to that which was prepared as a guideline for the keeping of chickens. Summers and Murphy noted that the Township Code certainly sets forth the zoning requirements for signs, but the guidelines synthesize that information for the general public and nonprofit agencies. Kanjula noted that the guidelines should mirror that which is within the current ordinance as to placement and duration of temporary signs. Secretary indicated that Castle Valley routinely sweeps the Township for temporary signs. As has been the practice with previous zoning officials, the signs are stacked beside the Township Building where realtors and agencies can pick them up. Miller pointed out that within the draft the meaning of the following phrase is not clear: "Temporary signs for governmental and non-profit organizations may not be posted more than 21 calendar days prior to the advertised event and must be removed within 5 calendar days after the event date, but in no case more than 30 calendar days." During discussion, Miller noted that since "21 plus 5 is less than 30," it is not clear if there is an issue with the ordinance or if the ordinance requires more of nonprofits, schools, and churches than required for political candidates. Commissioners reviewed Sections 250.52.I and 250.52.M noting that the regulation could be clarified if the draft guidelines separated the provisions for Sections I and M - political candidate, etc., signage and temporary signs for governmental, historic, etc. **MOTION:** Miller moved, Johnson seconded, to support the efforts of the Zoning Official to prepare a summary of Article VIII, Signs of the Township Code with grammatical changes to length of time as discussed during the regular meeting of the Planning Commission; motion carried.

5. **East Bradford Township Official Map Update:** Summers noted the submission of the map and accompanying ordinance that describes the map as being an exercise provided for in the MPC. He noted that perhaps there are changes as a result of the FEMA/FIRM flood zones. PC noted the number of the existing park and conservation easements during the review. The PC has no objection to the adoption of the map and ordinance by East Bradford Township as discussed during the meeting.
6. **Upcoming Township Meeting Dates:**
  - a. Board of Supervisors - May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the only meeting for the month of May.
  - b. Planning Commission - June 7<sup>th</sup> is the next public meeting for the PC.
7. **Approval of April 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Johnson moved, Murphy seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes as corrected; motion carried.
8. **Other Business:** no other business before the Planning Commission.
9. **Adjournment:** At 7:50 p.m. Summers moved, Miller seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.

  
Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

  
Gary Summers, Chairman  
Robert Miller, Vice Chair