

Township Engineer, Cynthia VanHise called the Organizational Meeting of the Franconia Township Planning Commission to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010. Planning Commission Members present included Gerald Delong, Doug Worley, Keith Kneipp, Kyle Koffel, Robert Yothers and Patricia Alderfer. Jean Holland from the Montgomery County Planning Commission was also present for this meeting. Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager, and Planning Commission member Kerrin Musselman were absent (excused).

Ms. VanHise accepted nominations for the position of Planning Commission Chairman. Mr. Worley made a motion to nominate Mr. Gerald Delong. Mr. Yothers seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Delong then presided over the remainder of the organizational and regular meeting. Mr. Delong accepted nominations for the position of Planning Commission Vice Chairman. Mr. Yothers made a motion to nominate Mr. Doug Worley and Mr. Koffel seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Delong then accepted nominations for the position of Planning Commission Secretary. Mr. Yothers made a motion to nominate Mr. Kneipp. Mr. Worley seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Organizational Meeting came to a close at 7:08 p.m. and the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Delong asked if there were any comments regarding the draft minutes issued from the December 7, 2009 meeting. Ms. Alderfer had a comment regarding text within the first paragraph under 'Zoning Hearing Board Applications' on page 3 of the meeting minutes. After the text stating '761 Cowpath Road', the word 'concluded' needs to be removed. Mr. Worley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the December 7, 2009 meeting. Mr. Kneipp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Taggart Subdivision- 521 Cowpath Road (#05-06)

No action or discussion took place on this application.

Leidy's Church Land Development – Leidy Road & W. Cherry Lane (#03-09)

No action or discussion took place on this application.

NEW BUSINESS

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ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Ms. VanHise provided an update on six zoning hearing applications, as follows:

The L. Merrill & Martha Yoder application to install a 140-foot cell phone tower which will also operate as a wind turbine electric generator on their property located at 761 Cowpath Road was approved.

The Robert Hunsicker application to permit more than 2 four-legged domestic animals on his property located at 431 Morwood Road was denied.

The David & Annette Sowhanger application is continued. A date has not been set for this application, of which relief from the lot size dimensions is being requested to permit a minor subdivision located at 34 Cowpath Road.

The Todd Alderfer application is tentatively scheduled for the zoning hearing board on February 2, 2010. This is for an auto restoration business at 705 Morwood Road.

The Kerry Hallman & Nikola Kurtin application is continued. A date has not been set for this application, of which the applicants wish to operate a food trailer at 589 Lower Road.

The Pizza Box application is tentatively scheduled for the zoning hearing board on February 2, 2010. This property is located at the southwest corner of Morwood and Allentown Roads, 402 Morwood Road. The applicant is requesting relief from the dimensional requirements of the zoning ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance – Parking & Non-conformities. Ms. VanHise reported that Ms. Worman had distributed the draft ordinance to all members for review and preliminary comment by January 25, 2010. Mr. Kneipp stated that he had already forwarded his comments.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. There was no further business discussed at the meeting. Mr. Worley made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Yothers to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia VanHise, Township Engineer