

TINICUM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016

Damon Aherne called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. Members Trevor McNeill, Vincent Dotti, Laure Dual, John Cole, Tom Casola, and Peter Bickford were in attendance. There was no one in the audience.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No comments were made.

BUSINESS:

Reorganization:

Motion by Duval, seconded by Cole, to nominate Trevor McNeill as the Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2016. McNeill declined the nomination.

Motion by Duval, seconded by Casola to nominate Damon Aherne as the Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2016. Voted upon and passed.

Motion by Duval, seconded by Bickford, to nominate Trevor McNeill as the Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2016. Voted upon and passed.

Aherne reviewed the 2016 meeting dates with the PC and noted that there were 2 meetings per month except for April. He recommended moving up the starting time for meetings to 7:00 p.m. and to set a hard finish. He said that it was not his intention to extend the length of meetings. Aherne said that in May the PC could go back to its 7:45 p.m. start time.

Aherne thanked the PC for making him the Chairperson. He said that he wanted to share the gavel and to hand the chairmanship around a bit. Aherne proposed that a PC member volunteer to chair each of the ZHB reviews. And he recommended that when a subcommittee meets and develops a work product, that they should assume the ownership and run the evening's meeting.

Aherne said that he hoped to get a lot of work done this year since the PC was not getting a lot of applications.

Dotti said that the Board of Supervisors had started the process of interviewing all board members before re-appointing them. He said that the Board considered appointments a serious thing. He said that looking ahead to the next 5 years, the PC would require funding for some of its projects. He said that the Board of Supervisors planned to develop a 5 year plan for the Township's planning, zoning and land use projects.

Aherne said that the Township needed to budget money for a re-write of the Subdivision and Land Development ordinances.

PLANNING:

Organize subcommittee for ordinance and planning projects

Casola and Bickford agreed to meet to begin the 2016 planning projects.

The Planning Commission discussed and agreed to the following prioritization of projects:

PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST FOR 2016:

Section 806 Overlay Regulations, applicability of Conditional Use process

Updating the Riparian Buffer Ordinance – JANUARY 26TH MEETING

Alternative Energy, Solar farms, Wind turbines

Revise Section 801 Zoning and 526 SLDO

FUTURE PLANNING PROJECTS:

Revise Ordinance 179 of 2007 regulating oil & gas

Farm stands, CAFO's, Livestock production & revising the agricultural uses of the zoning ordinance

Home Occupation - expand permitted uses by rights, identify and permit low impact contractor uses, identify additional village retail uses

Green Building ordinance requirements

Natural Landscape Ordinance

Subdivision and Land Development design standards:

Trail map & plan for Tinicum Township

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

Appeal #2-2016 scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Property Owner/Applicant Tracy Anderson seeks relief from the Critical Recharge and Impervious surface regulations and requests a variance from Article VIII, Section 806 (d) of the Tinicum Township Zoning Ordinance to accommodate a 120 s.f. addition in order to provide a contemporary kitchen and dining layout within the residence. This property is identified as 44-011-022, located at 55 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942. This is a 31,600 s.f. property located in the Village Residential (VR) Zoning District.

Casola volunteered to Chair the PC's review of this application.

ZONING:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Aherne, seconded by Cole to recess the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and continue it to 7:00 p.m. on January 26th. Voted upon and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McNeill
Planning Commission Secretary