

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST PIKELAND
PLANNING COMMISSION
BUSINESS SESSION
July 13, 2015**

ATTENDING:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Frank Best, Chair
Tom Dinan, Vice-Chair
Sean O'Neill, Secretary
Bill Normoyle
Albert Wachsmuth
Todd Majors

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Sam Bryant, Acting Township Manager

Chairman Best called the meeting to order at 7 PM at the Township Building.

MINUTES – June 8, 2015

Mr. Normoyle motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. O'Neill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

No members of the public were present at the meeting wishing to be heard on other than agenda items.

SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Landis Final Subdivision, Village Lane

Mr. Bryant stated that the 90 day clock began on the plan at the last meeting, so it would need to be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. O'Neill recommended Mr. Bryant find out if the applicant plans to respond to the letter from the Township Engineer regarding the final plan and if applicant will be present at the next meeting or if the applicant wishes to resubmit the plan.

BUSINESS

Proposed Sewage Management Ordinance

Mr. Bryant explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is asking the Township to implement a sewage management plan. The proposed ordinance would implement that plan by requiring all homeowners with an on lot disposal system to have it pumped and inspected every three years. Mr. Bryant said the Planning Commission would not need to make a recommendation on this Ordinance until their next meeting.

Mr. Best expressed concerns regarding homeowners with failing systems due to faulty installation. Mr. Best felt these residents would have to pay to establish new systems if this ordinance is imposed.

Mr. Normoyle expressed concerns that the Township will get major pushback from residents on this issue.

After discussion, no action was taken on the item at this time.

Township Street Numbering Regulations

A representative from Kimberton Fire stated that the Township has many private roads and driveways with no identifying signs. This makes it very difficult to find homes when responding to an emergency. The representative asked the Planning Commission to consider either naming all of these roads and/or providing some form of additional signage. A representative from the fire department is willing to assist in identifying these problematic areas.

Mr. Majors and Mr. Best asked the representative if a post at the end of the driveway would suffice? The representative affirmed that would work.

Mr. Dinan asked what size sign is necessary. The representative stated that four inches would be best, and anything under three should be avoided.

Mr. O'Neill suggested that the Planning Commission review the Ordinance provided from Upper Uwchlan Township and address the matter at the next meeting.

Invitation to Attend Master Planning Program

The Board of Supervisors has extended an invitation to the Planning Commission to participate in the 20/20 Master Planning Program courses. Interested members should contact Sam Bryant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Best moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Normoyle seconded the motion. Chairman Best adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean O'Neill, Secretary

