

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 17, 2014

7:00pm

The Londonderry Township Planning Commission held their re-organizational meeting and their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, Pennsylvania beginning at 7:00p.m.

Present: Patience Basehore, Vice Chair
 Bruce Grossman, Secretary
 Richard Alwine, Member
 Charlie Yoder, Member
 Steve Letavic, Township Manager
 Jeff Burkhart, Code Officer
 Beth Graham, Office Manager
 Jim Diamond (for Mark Stewart), Solicitor
 Andrew Kenworthy, Engineer

Absent: Carolyn Akers, Chairwoman

REGULAR MEETING

Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2014

Mr. Alwine motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Mrs. Basehore seconded. Motion approved.

Time Extension – Living Hope Church

Mr. Grossman motioned to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Time Extension until July 12, 2014, Mr. Alwine seconded. Motion approved.

Time Extension – School Heights Village

Mr. Alwine motioned to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Time Extension until August 20, 2014, Mr. Grossman seconded. Motion approved.

Ordinance 2014-1 – Ag Zoning

Mrs. Basehore informed those in attendance that this meeting was being held to allow the residents to ask questions and share ideas about the proposed Ag Ordinance at which time she opened the floor to the residents.

Mike Benko, Jr., 3017 Brinser Road, Airport is not defined in the general ordinance section. They have had problems in the past with a neighboring farm allowing a model airplane club to fly planes which is very loud and also have had them crash on his property.

Mike Benko, Sr., 2593 Brinser Road, Would like to have "Airport" clearly defined in the general ordinance section. He has had the same problems as his son, Mike Benko, Jr., with model planes crashing on his property.

David Cunningham, 1692 Schoolhouse Road, voiced various concerns in regards to the ordinance.

Linda Rambler, 1210 Roundtop Road, voiced various concerns in regards to the ordinance being too lenient and did not address preserving woodlands.

David Graybill, 1742 Water Street, suggested checking with the Conservation District for recommendations. Concerns with the Light Family Farm Support Business being too restrictive. Supports a winery, but keeping the agricultural feel to the township.

Tom Jones, 4454 Woodcrest Drive, generally likes the idea of trying to control things, but not to the point where we restrict the growing the tax base. Wine tasting and the sale of items that go with it can be a good thing.

Don John, 3802 E. Harrisburg Pike, doesn't want change – leave the township as it is. Residents don't have a vote in the Ag Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors make the decision. Mr. John asked Mr. Letavic his thoughts on the subject.

Mr. Letavic told the residents that he has been quiet because this is their opportunity to tell the board what they want their township to look like. He informed them that the township has the opportunity right now to control and steer where and how they want growth.

Delbert Sankey, 140 Colebrook Road, doesn't want any change.

Susan Kauffman, 1941 Miller Road, keep it as it is – no change. Concerns about traffic.

Paul Davis, 512 Hoffer Road, thought we were re-zoning the agriculture areas.

Bruce Grossman, Planning Commission Secretary, This has been helpful – you're ideas are important.

Andy Doherty, 2560 Schoolhouse Road, winery concerns.

Walt Balmer, 608 Newberry Road, Keep the township the way it is – no microbrewery.

Connie Burrell, 3084 Steinruck Road, keep the township the same. She also added that the V.I.P. is in need of volunteers.

Melissa Bartholomew, 277 Schoolhouse Road, wants to see ag land preserved.

Paul Davis, 512 Hoffer Road, wondered how many people who own ag land want it preserved? Stated that if you want ag land preserved then people need to buy ag land and preserve it.

Mrs. Basehore announced that there will be a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 7th at 7:00pm. The board will continue to hold public hearings on the proposed ordinance until they have a clear understanding of what the residents have to say on the subject.

Mr. Grossman motioned to adjourn at 8:38pm, Mr. Alwine seconded. Motion approved.