

# Warrington Township Planning Commission

## Minutes for November 15, 2012 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Planning Commission was held at 7:31 pm. November 15, 2012 at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976. The members present were as follows:

Douglas E. Skinner	Absent
Fred Gaines	Vice-Chair
Madeline Sturm	Secretary
Ted Piotrowicz	Member
Ben Redd	Member
Dennis Gordon	Member
Richard Rycharski	Member – left at 8:30
Ken Yerger	Carroll Engineering - absent
Roy Rieder	Director of Emergency Services, Inspections & Permits

### **1. & 2. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **3. Public Comment - None**

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. Discuss the need for a comprehensive zoning ordinance review**

Mr. Gordon was asked to chair the Ordinance subcommittee and agreed to chair.

The Planning Commission has been asked to review the zoning ordinance. The current sections being revised or written are the sign ordinance and alternative energy ordinance, but the entire Chapter 27 Zoning ordinance section needs to be updated. This needs to be done by the Planning Commission rather than outside consultants at this time.

The first major step is to identify the issues and problem areas. Mr. Rieder will see that all members of the Planning Commission are sent a copy of Chapter 27 in MSWord format to help in review.

It was stated a workshop should be set in late February to review the initial comments from the Planning Commission.

Goals need to be to remove the nesting, address the issues not already addressed. The definitions need to be clarified.

This will mostly be accessed digitally from the internet, so the removal of nesting will help with the use of the zoning online.

**6. Subcommittee Reports - none**

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**7.1 October 4, 2012**

On a motion made by Ms. Sturm, seconded by Mr. Piotrowicz, the Warrington Township Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of October 4, 2012. This motion passed by a vote of 4-0-2.

Mr. Piotrowicz – yes

Mr. Gaines – yes

Ms. Sturm – yes

Mr. Redd – Abstain

Mr. Gordon – yes

Mr. Rycharski - Abstain

**8. Posting of Minutes**

**8.1 October 18 and November 1, 2012**

On a motion made by Ms. Sturm, seconded by Mr. Piotrowicz, the Warrington Township Planning Commission voted to post the minutes of October 18 and November 1, 2012. This motion passed by a vote of 6-0-2.

Mr. Piotrowicz – yes

Mr. Gaines – yes

Ms. Sturm – yes

Mr. Redd – yes

Mr. Gordon – yes

Mr. Rycharski - yes

**4. Old Business**

**a. Vehicular Signs**

The draft was sent back by the Board of Supervisors for additional work. They felt that it needed to have the loopholes closed to avoid legal problems.

The ordinance needs to have better definitions.

Points made were that a permit should be needed, the applicant may only have one sign, there needs to be size limits and time limits for vehicular/mobile/portable signs.

The Planning Commission needs to get a temporary sign ordinance and this ordinance then needs to be merged with the draft for the vehicular sign ordinance to create a useable working ordinance.

**9. Forward Agenda Items**

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 with a motion by Mr. Gaines,. This motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Recorder: Amy Organek