

# Warrington Township Planning Commission

## Minutes for February 7, 2013 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Planning Commission was held at 7:30 pm. February 7, 2013 at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976. The members present were as follows:

Fred Gaines	Chairperson
Dennis Gordon	Vice-Chair
Madeline Sturm	Secretary
Ted Piotrowicz	Member – absent
Ben Redd	Member
Richard Rycharski	Member
Ken Yerger	Carroll Engineering - excused
Roy Rieder	Codes, Inspections, and Emergency Services

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **3. Public Comment – none**

Basic meeting requirements were reviewed and the By-laws, Rules and Regulations were distributed.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **4.a Vehicular Sign Ordinance**

This item had been reviewed during the workshop last week.

Ms. Sturm motioned that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors adoption of the vehicular sign ordinance as drafted and reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Redd seconded. Motion passed 5-0

#### **4.b. Alternative Energy Ordinance**

The current working draft by Mr. Redd was reviewed. There was discussion on the requirement of a permit for residential solar panels and the fees associated. It was a concern that a single resident wanting to put panels on their home for their use be dealt with differently from large scale “solar farms” and multifamily buildings. The consensus was to remove the special exception for the residential single family detached only. They may only be roof mounted and no freestanding equipment.

The necessary clarifications of the special exception requirements were discussed; adding 2603.D Other than wind, solar and geothermal will make sure that some items are not missed.

The commercial and industrial comments were to be removed from 2603.D

Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve this draft alternative energy ordinance as revised. Mr. Rycharski seconded. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Gaines – yes  
Mr. Gordon – yes

Mr. Redd – yes  
Mr. Rycharski - yes

Ms. Sturm - yes

Mr. Redd and Mr. Rieder will compile into a final draft form and send out for final approval before it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

## **5. New Business**

5a. Discussion of Warrington Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Parts 1-8

They needed more time to review the material and it was suggested that it be set for a workshop time.

## **6. Subcommittee Reports - none**

## **7. Approval of Minutes**

### **7.1 November 15, 2012**

On a motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Ms. Sturm, the Warrington Township Planning Commission voted to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012. This motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Gaines – yes

Mr. Redd – yes

Ms. Sturm - yes

Mr. Gordon – yes

Mr. Rycharski - yes

## **8. Posting of Minutes**

### **8.1&2 January 3, 2013 & January 17, 2013**

On a motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Ms. Sturm, the Warrington Township Planning Commission voted to post the minutes of January 3, 2013 & January 17, 2013. This motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Gaines – yes

Mr. Redd – yes

Ms. Sturm - yes

Mr. Gordon – yes

Mr. Rycharski - yes

## **9. Forward Agenda Items**

The Planning Commission reviewed submission requirements and requests for what the Planning Commission wants to see in regards to plans and documents for the submission.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Recorder: Amy Organek