

Springfield Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023

Members present: Chairwoman Dawn Nicholson, Karen Bedics, Bobb Carson, Angela Kelly and Brian Hague

Also present: Scott MacNair Solicitor, Lisa Gerhard Twp. Secretary

D. Nicholson called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:03 PM and opened with the pledge of allegiance. As required, the Planning Commission was to be reorganized prior to any further actions. Scott MacNair assumed the duty to call for a vote for Chairman. Dawn nominated Karen Bedics who accepted and was unanimously approved. Upon assuming the position, Karen opened up the meeting to nominations for Vice-Chair and Secretary. Brian Hague was approved as Vice Chair and Angela Kelly was approved as Secretary.

The first order of business was the approval of the December 7th. (*A Date which Will Live in Infamy*) Minutes. Bobb Carson pointed out that Knox Boxes was incorrectly spelled. (*Actually, there are 3 spellings: Knox Box, Knox-Box and KnoxBox*) The Commission approved the Minutes with the correct spelling after a motion by Bobb Carson and a second by Angela Kelly.

The second order of business was regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Dawn stated that at present there was nothing to report. The December Meeting was well attended; waiting for further input from the upcoming meeting January 25th.

Karen Bedics, *newly elected Chair*, stated that there was no new Correspondence to discuss.

Scott MacNair took to the floor to discuss ECA Solar is proposing a solar farm on the Cummings Properties off Rt. 412 near Hellertown. ECA proposed to meet with the Zoning Hearing Board as early as January 2023. Scott was asked about the H&K Quarry project and reported that there was nothing new to discuss at this time.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Bobb Carson made a few very pertinent points:

1. There's insufficient communication between the Planning Commission and the B.O.S., thereby wasting time and effort spent on projects by the PC. Would like

a more formal approach to streamline activities and reduce waste. Karen and Dawn to follow up.

2. It's almost impossible to upload the Springfield Twp. Zoning Ordinances via their antiquated website. Brian Hague concurred and recommended that the website developer/controller set up a link from the Twp. Website to the Zoning Ordinances (*at American Legal or a separate internal document*) at minimal cost and time.

With no further comments, Dawn motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Angela seconding, at 7:43. All approved.