

## **Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

### **March 4, 2020**

**Members present:** Dawn Nicholson (Chairman), Karen Bedics, Bobb Carson, Brian Hague, Steve Smith, Jay Fuggiti

**Also Present:** Jim Nilsen

Ms. Nicholson called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed and approved with additions/changes regarding 1778 Richlandtown Pk. sketch plans. The verbiage in the first paragraph was edited and it was noted that plans from the Planning Commission January 8, 2020 meeting were being updated.

Motion by Mr. Smith, Second by Ms. Bedics. Vote approved unanimously.

Mr. Carson requested that minutes be shared via Microsoft word.

**Stakeholders Meeting:** The commission discussed and created a list of stakeholders that would attend a future meeting(s). During this meeting the Comprehensive Plan survey results would be presented and feedback from stakeholders would be given back to the Commission. The list included:

- Township's ABCs
- Palisades Superintendent or a representative from the PSD board.
- Fire Chief
- Police Chief
- Crooks Creek Watershed representative
- Passer Community Center representative
- Local Church Leaders
- Springfield Historical Society
- Upper Bucks Regional Emergency Medical Services

**Comprehensive Plan:** The Commission discussed the different results for the survey. Mr. Carson believes the survey was well intended, however difficult to interpret. He recommended that the Commission receive suggestions from the consultant that was recommended at the Board/PC joint meeting. It was also stated according to the certain survey results, that the majority of the residents didn't want changes made within the Township. Ms. Nicholson recommended going through and reviewing the goals and objectives of the survey. Ms. Bedics mentioned the Board of Supervisors did begin revising the township Vision/Mission statement. Mr. Carson referred to and will share a memo with the Commission that was sent in 2008 to the Board of Supervisors. This memo regarded various unaddressed Comprehensive plan recommendations regarding zoning and planning. To date, those items are still unaddressed.

The Commission also discussed the benefits, locations and system of bike trails / walking trails throughout the township. There was a recommendation of designing some kind of map or having directional signage for bike trails/ walking pathways throughout the township.

It was suggested to possibly have the Historic Commission get involved in creating a guide to the township's historical places .

The topic of abandoned historic properties was briefly discussed, and what could be done to preserve the historic buildings within the township before they would become a nuisance. Township nuisance ordinance was mentioned and whether it may be used to help regulate historic properties.

Mr. Carson will be forwarding the 2008 unaddressed Comprehensive plan memo to the other commission members to review. Ms. Bedics sent the Palisades School District's comprehensive plan to the other commission members as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm. Motion made by Mr. Smith and Seconded by Ms. Bedics.