

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Mr. Maze called the February 2, 2015 meeting of the Brighton Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was located in the Brighton Municipal Township Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey S. Maze, Chairman
William L. Snider, Vice-Chairman
Tim O'Brien, Secretary
Mark Piccirilli
Michael Purton
John A. Weber

STAFF: Bryan K. Dehart, Township Manager
Kathryn L. Johnston, Solicitor

ABSENT: Jenny Strang

VISITOR: No visitors were present.

Minutes of the January 6, 2015 Regular & Reorganization Meeting: Mr. Weber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Purton, vote unanimous, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Regular & Reorganization Meeting.

Zoning Code Revisions - Oil & Gas: A public hearing on the zoning code revisions to regulate oil and gas operations, mineral extraction and to establish industrial and development standards will be conducted at 6:30 P.M. on February 9th. The Commission reviewed the comments of the Beaver County Planning Commission dated January 21, 2015. The Board of Supervisors will then consider adoption of the ordinance at their regular meeting the same evening.

Township Greenway and Trail Plan: The next meeting of the Study Committee is February 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Amendment to Parks & Recreation Ordinance: The Township received a letter from the Firearms Industry Consulting Group regarding the Township's Park Ordinance. The Township is not permitted to regulate firearms. The language is vague in the existing park ordinance, and does not specifically state firearms are prohibited, but new legislation states that any successful challenge to a local law requires the local municipality to bear the cost of legal fees and related costs to a challenge. Township Solicitor Harold F. Reed, Jr. reviewed the correspondence and the legislation and has recommended that Park & Recreation Ordinance (Chapter 133 of the Township Code) Section 2.B.(19) be changed as follows:

§133-2.B.(19) Carrying or discharging any firecrackers, fireworks or other pyrotechnics.

Ms. Johnston reviewed the purpose in more detail for the Commission. Mr. O'Brien said the Parks and Recreation Board has also reviewed the recommendation of Mr. Reed and supported the change.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piccirilli, to concur with the language change of Section B(19) in Chapter 133 as recommended by the Township Solicitor.

Communication Antennas & Towers: The Cohen Law Group has submitted a proposal for the re-writing of the Township regulations for communication antennas and towers for review and consideration. The fee proposal is a "not to exceed" amount of \$5,400. The purpose is to address new developments in the wireless industry, including mini-towers and to review and recommend revisions to the current zoning regulations for communication towers and antennae.

Mr. Snider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Purton, vote unanimous, to recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize and accept entering into the proposal with the Cohen Law Group to perform Wireless Facilities Management Services.

Additional Business: Mr. Dehart advised the Commission that Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering has been appointed as the Township Engineer effective 2015.

A copy of the 2014 Annual Report of the Planning Commission was distributed.

Adjournment: Mr. Piccirilli made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Dehart
Township Manager