

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2013

Mr. Dehart called the January 8, 2013 meeting of the Brighton Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was located in the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey S. Maze, Chairman
William L. Snider, Vice Chairman
Tim O'Brien, Secretary
James E. Equels, Sr.
Jenny Strang
John A. Weber

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

ABSENT: Shirley M. Buchholz

VISITORS: No visitors were present.

Reorganization: Mr. Dehart called for the nomination and election of officers for 2013.

Mr. Equels made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strang, vote unanimous, to elect Jeffrey S. Maze as Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2013.

Mr. Weber made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strang, vote unanimous, to elect William L. Snider as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2013.

Ms. Strang made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weber, vote unanimous, to elect Tim O'Brien as Secretary of the Planning Commission for 2013.

Ms. Strang made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weber vote unanimous, to appoint Kathryn L. Johnston of Reed, Tosh, Wolford and Douglass as Solicitor to the Planning Commission for 2013.

Mr. Equels made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snider, vote unanimous, to hold the Planning Commission monthly business meetings at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009 for 2013 and the January 2014 business meeting and annual reorganization on the following dates:

Monday, February 4, 2013
Monday, March 4, 2013
Monday, April 1, 2013
Monday, May 6, 2013
Monday, June 3, 2013
Monday, July 1, 2013
Monday, August 5, 2013
Tuesday, September 3, 2013
Monday, October 7, 2013
Monday, November 4, 2013
Monday, December 2, 2013
Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Mr. Dehart has confirmed with the family that Mrs. Buchholz will not be able to continue as a member of the Commission. Mr. Dehart will ask the Board of Supervisors to accept her resignation.

Minutes of December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting: Mr. Weber made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strang, vote unanimous, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Fire Loss Ordinance: At the December meeting the Commission reviewed samples of Fire Loss Ordinances from other municipalities and the Solicitor provided a copy of the applicable State Statute for these types of ordinances. The Commission thought there was value in having this type of ordinance in place in the event there would be a need for it. The Commission asked Mr. Dehart and the Solicitor to prepare a draft ordinance for further review and consideration.

Local Option: At the December meeting the Commission asked the Solicitor to review the different types of liquor licenses that could be approved by voter referendum and what the procedures are for the question to be placed upon the ballot. The Solicitor has provided a copy of the applicable code. Based upon the Solicitor's review, the placement of a referendum on the ballot is to be voter initiated in lieu of having the question placed on the ballot by the elected board. If there is interest by a developer to have a license for a specific type of business, they would have to pursue this independently.

Zoning Code Revision Pursuant to PA Act 13 of 2012 – The Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act: The proposed ordinance prepared by the Planning Commission was filed with the PA PUC for review and an advisory opinion on its compliance with Act 13 and the PA MPC. The Board of Supervisors previously cancelled the public hearing on the ordinance proposal pending the results of the appeals pending before the PA Supreme Court. The Court heard arguments on the appeals on October 17th in Pittsburgh.

Additional Business: There was no additional business.

Adjournment: Mr. Equels made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strang, vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Dehart
Township Manager