

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Meeting
March 4, 2014 (03-04-14)

7:00 pm

Present: Danelle Del Corso, Lorin Nauman, Sam Evans, Jeff Martin, Jason Little, Melissa Gartner
Others present: D. J. Liggett, CRPA; Susan Steele, Township Manager; Nicole Gross, recording secretary
Not Present: John Stevens

1. Call To Order

Chair Ms. Del Corso called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Approval of January 21, 2014 Minutes

Motion. Ms. Del Corso moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014. Mr. Evans seconded. Vote: 6-0.

4. Reports

a. BOS Update

Applauded the detail the Planning Commission has taken. Municipal bldg, zoning Mixed use for municipal building. Ms. Steele is meeting with developer for improvements. Education will need to be involved for adding sewer to this section. Public-Private Partnership to do this zoning change in order to avoid debt.

b. Zoning Officer's Report

Cell tower on Granny lane. Someone is interested in buying the cell tower, unfortunately once deactivated the cell tower cannot be re-commissioned. Zoning Officer will prepare a report.

c. CRPC Update

None

d. Open Space Board Update

Mr. Nauman reported looking at the language for buying rather than leasing properties.

5. Steering Committee- JMT Consultants

Township asked for solicitations from citizens, only one came forward. Township asking for two planning commission on board for committee, meeting 4 times in 8 month: Mr. Little, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Evans have volunteered. Meeting March 17, 2014 at 7 PM. Using this committee to improve parks and recreation in the community. JMT really seems to care and want to improve the area. GOAL- Two parks that are underutilized, Why? Because we don't have the right amenities. Should there be a focal point for these parks. How can we get these parks to be utilized by the community? A lot of the park equipment needs replaced. The real question is do we want to pour the

money into it or should we fix the parks to ensure they are utilized better. Using consultants to figure out the answer to the utilization of the park problem.

6. Training Options-

Option 1- Penn State Professor would be in charge of this. It is a ten hour course. He would be breaking it into three segments, each three hours, a week apart.

Option 2- Municipal planning commission members get together and discuss issues they have with zoning or other problems they are facing. All six municipalities. Halfmoon Township would be leading this focus group.

Verdict- Planning Commission members decided that Option 1 is not really effective for Halfmoon Township's Planning Commission training. It is not cost effective nor does it meet the needs of what the planning commission needs to be trained on. It is agreed that Option 2 would be best for the Halfmoon Township Planning Commission training needs. Ms. Delcorso suggested that topics be identified for quarterly peer-to-peer sessions and those municipalities interested in those topics could participate. She also recommended that the sessions involve focus groups rather than large group meetings.

7. 2014 Planning Commission Work Program

Ms. Del Corso said thank you to Mr. Little, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Gartner for coming to Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ag- A1.

Ms. Del Corso asks that the planning commission members start looking and familiarizing themselves with this section so they can intend on focusing on it next meeting.

Ms. Steele states that Board of Supervisors suggests getting rid of AG Preservation zone because it doesn't really make sense, since sewer is under it and they have to mow the grass in that area.

Ms. Del Corso states that first order of focusing on the Ag section will be re-working the intent to meet the actual intent the planning commission wishes for the AG Zone.

7. Matter of Record

- The next PC meeting will be held on March 18, 2014.

8. Adjournment

Motion. Ms. Del Corso moved to adjourn. Mr. Evans seconded. Vote: 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Gross
Recording Secretary