



HALFMOON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY – 06 March 2018 ° 7:00 P.M.

100 Municipal Lane, Port Matilda, PA 16870

CALL TO ORDER

7:02 PM. Lorin Nauman, Chairman, called the meeting to order. It was determined there were enough members present for a Quorum.

ATTENDANCE

Lorin Nauman, Chair; Leah Davis, Vice Chair; Andrew Meehan; Regina Villarreal, Alternate.

ABSENT

Joe Soloski; Jody McCloskey; Jeff Martin; Sam Buckley; Jody McClosky

OTHERS ATTENDING

Jim May, CRPA; Michael Patroski, CRPA; Susan Steele, Halfmoon Township Manager;
Barbara Hughes, Recording Secretary

CITIZENS ATTENDING

Andrew Watters

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were voiced at this segment but questions and subsequent discussions followed later in the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Andrew Meehan motioned to approve the minutes from the previous regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission, held on February 6, 2018. Leah Davis seconded the motion and all approved.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Andrew Meehan motioned to approve the minutes from the previous regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission, held on February 20, 2018. Leah Davis seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORTS

1. **Centre Regional Planning Commission – Andrew Meehan**

Nothing to note that directly affects Halfmoon Township.

There was a review about an easement dispute between Penn State and the University Joint Authority and an announcement that there would be construction on North Atherton and College Avenue.

2. **Halfmoon Township Open Space Board - Lorin Nauman**

No report. The Board will have their first meeting on April 4th, 2018.

3. **Board of Supervisors/Manager Report – Susan Steele**

No land use issues were discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

In early 2017, the Township Board of Supervisors charged the Halfmoon Township Small Area Plan Steering Committee with preparing a Small Area Plan for the eastern end of the Township. On November 20, 2017, the Steering Committee completed a recommended Small Area Plan. The Steering Committee conducted eight meetings, open to the public, not including a Town Hall Meeting that was conducted on November 8, 2017 at Way Fruit Farm.

Members discussed the preparation of a set of questions and comments to present to the Board of Supervisors during two upcoming work sessions to be held on March 22, 2018 and April 26, 2018. Subjects included types of use, how units are determined, number of units, boundaries, moving the boundary to exclude the Hawbaker land purchased by Patton Township, open space; 50% vs. 35%, density vs. broken open space, good use of open space, caps on units and commercial space and clarification of the 527. Members are asked to formulate questions and email them to the Chair.

Public comments centered on buffer zones, visual blocks, Sawmill Rd. commercial use, current residents on Sawmill be considered along with the 550 “drive by’s” when it comes to rural character.

MATTER OF RECORD

1. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is on April 3, 2018
 2. There is a joint work session meeting for Board of Supervisors Thursday, April 26, 2018; the Planning Commission has been invited to sit in this meeting. RPD and Manager have forwarded to all PC members the power point presentation presented on 11/16/17 and the supervisors’ decisions on even date.
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ADJOURNMENT

8:19 PM. The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leah Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Meehan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

