

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Meeting
September 21, 2016

Present: Jason Little, Chairman; Melissa Gartner; Mike Brown; Lorin Nauman; Kathy Kelley; and Bob Strouse

Others Present: Erica Ehly, CRPA; Tammy Terosky, Recording Secretary; Susan Steele, Township Manager

Not Present: Jeff Martin

Citizens Present:
None

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Little called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. Determination of a Quorum:

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

4. Declarations of Disqualification:

None

5. Citizen Comment:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Nauman motioned to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes. Mr. Brown seconded. Vote in favor 6:0.

7. Public Hearings:

None

8. Action and Discussion Items:

1. Planning Commission Bylaws. Consider the potential content of the Planning Commission bylaws, utilizing the Centre Region Planning Commission bylaws as a template. Revisions were made at the meeting on August 16, 2016.
 - Clarified recording secretary; how officers are appointed
 - No other major changes
 - Motion to approve the bylaws by Mr. Strouse; Mrs. Gartner seconded. Bylaws are passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Review the Joint PC/BOS Work Session, held on September 8, 2016.
 A presentation was made by Mark Boeckel, Township Planner, and Amy Farkas, Township Manager, providing an overview of the planning process Harris Township undertook to create the Boalsburg Small Area Plan. Additionally, proposed amendments to the Rural Preservation District, which were recommended by the Township Solicitor were discussed.
 - The Supervisors are looking to move forward with the mixed use plan.
 - The goal of the small area plan for Halfmoon Twp. is to develop a steering committee, made up of public citizens, and then develop a small area plan.
 - Sample letter for soliciting steering committee members and having the committee set-up are the next steps.
 - The PC would have one appointed member.
 - Various comments and concerns were voiced regarding population growth density, traffic flow and needs, and other logistics for the infrastructure (transportation, sewer, etc.).
 - Discussion regarding the status of the RPD took place.
3. Review potential schedule and locations for upcoming Planning Commission meetings.
 - October 19th, meeting at the township bldg.; November 15th, place to be determined.
 - December meeting will be determined.
 - Motion to revise the calendar was made by Ms. Kelly; Mr. Brown seconded. Vote was unanimous.

9. Reports:

Planner/Centre Region Planning Agency:

- A series of Planning Commission trainings will take place.
- Official map was adopted.
- State of the housing report will come out to CRPC by the end of the year. There is a lack of local data.

Open Space:

None

Township Manager:

- Supervisors have approved the Autumn Meadow Parks Plan.
- PSU sustainability department; students will be getting information/input from citizens.

CRPC:

- Investigation regarding the safety of the Atherton Street corridor, due to the two student deaths.
- Discussion of reuse of water.
- Expansion with new duplex housing for over a thousand citizens will take place.
- The development of community correctional institutions within State College.
- PSU is looking into using solar.

10. Matters of Record and Adjournment:

- Mr. Little is going to step down from the Planning Commission at the end of 2016.

Mr. Nauman moved to adjourn. Vote was unanimous.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M. Next meeting is on October 19, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Terosky
Recording Secretary