

Halfmoon Township

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REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION

September 26, 2023

PRESENT: (in person) Chairman Andrew Meehan, Vice Chairman Rick Bates, George Stine and Chip Jones. Other Staff in attendance; Amy Smith, Halfmoon Twp Clerk, (on zoom) Nicole Harter, Zoning Officer.

ABSENT: Mark Hartle

VISITORS: Rose Ann Hoover, Halfmoon BOS, Rick Harpster and Clayton Kessling, Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church. Bobbi Gerson, VIS Signs (on zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Meehan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 18, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Mr. Stine motioned to approve the July 18, 2023 PC meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

A. Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church Sign Permit

Ms. Harter stated that the Halfmoon Christian Fellowship Church has submitted an application for a sign permit. They are replacing the existing sign with an updated double faced sign with electronic changeable copy board and non-illuminated panels. The new sign will be 35 sf on each side.

Ms. Harter stated that the Church was given approval for a 32-sf sign in 2008 with conditions that the electronic sign would operate from dawn to dusk and would not operate after dark.

Mr. Stine asked if the new sign could be reduced to 32 sf to meet the original sign approval.

Ms. Gerson stated that they could reconfigure the non-illuminated panels to reduce the sign by 3 sf.

Mr. Meehan asked if the new sign will be brighter than the existing sign since the new electronic sign portion appears to be larger. Ms. Gerson stated that there are many levels of automatic dimming, and the brightness can be adjusted at night as needed through the sign software. Also, a black background with white letters is the best setup at night and can be set thru the software. Ms.

Gerson stated that the sign does not go off at night but that a black screen shows. The hours of operation were discussed and it was agreed to be black between the hours of 11pm and 6am.

Mr. Meehan made the motion for conditional approval of the sign permit with the conditions that the sign size be reduced to 32 sf, the electronic sign would be black between the hours of 11pm and 6am, and that the brightness would be adjusted as appropriate. Mr. Stine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

None

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD LIAISON REPORT

None

CRPC BOARD LIAISON REPORT

None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON REPORT

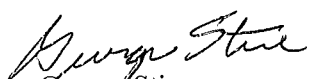
None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meehan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Halfmoon Township Planning Commission will be held on October 17, 2023. This meeting will be both virtual and in-person at the Community Center located at 100 Municipal Lane in Port Matilda, PA. For information on how to register, please visit www.halfmoontwp.us or contact the township office at 814-692-9800.

Respectfully submitted,



George Stine

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