

**EAST PIKELAND PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 11, 2016 MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

John Colarusso called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance were John Schott, Rusty Strauss, Ed Cooley, Helena Van Vliet and Ron Hoinowski. The township engineer, township planner and zoning officer were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY RUSTY STRAUSS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES; SECONDED BY JOHN SCHOTT. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

John Schott explained that the role of the township consultants is to provide professional review of plans and ordinances, and advise the planning commission accordingly. Over the years, the consultants have freely answered questions about concept plans, sketch plans and other informal submissions presented to the planning commission. This has become an increased expense to the township. The consultants will no longer provide comment or input on any plan without a formal application and payment of fees, or without a signed professional services agreement and posted escrow.

Altair Eco Village at Kimberton Concept Plan

Dennis Ray presented a revised concept plan that moved the housing and parking closer to Kimberton Road. Emergency access from Sunset Lane is in discussion with the residents of Sunset Lane and the Kimberton Fire Company. There was no change in density as recommended by the planning commission at the January meeting. The Altair group was again advised to follow the land development process by submitting a formal application, required fees and an engineered plan.

TIME CLOCK EXTENSIONS

Condign land Development Plan; time clock expires 06/04/2016

MOTION MADE BY JOHN SCHOTT RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A 180-DAY TIME CLOCK EXTENSION; SECONDED BY RON HOINOWSKI. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sidewalk Committee

Ron Hoinowski reported that a grant application was submitted for sidewalks along the 724 corridor, which includes sidewalks. The monies in the sidewalk fund will serve as a match. The need for sidewalks in Kimberton Village was discussed and will be revisited by the planning commission after the KR zoning project is complete.

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Phoenixville Regional Planning Commission

Rusty Strauss reported that Jon Ewald of Phoenixville Borough is the new PRPC Chairman. The group is working on updating the Implementation Agreement, the regional comprehensive plan and the regional trail plan. Rusty also offered to give a presentation at a future meeting on the benefits of regional planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Locher, 247 W. Seven Stars Road, asked if the current plan for the Altair project is available to the public. Jonathan Gayle gave him a copy.

John Vondercrone, 2251 Kimberton Road, asked if there would be a comprehensive review and discussion on Altair plan. John Colarusso said yes, once a formal application and engineered plans are received.

Kathy Frisco, 10 Sunset Lane, asked if the public can participate in the zoning workshop. John Schott said yes, the public is encouraged to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY JOHN SCHOTT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY ED COOLEY. ALL IN FAVOR, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.