

**EAST PIKELAND PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 2014 MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

John Schott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance were John Colarusso, Ed Cooley, Rusty Strauss, Ron Hoinowski, Helena Van Vliet and Leo Kearcher. The Zoning Officer, Township Engineer and Township Planner were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY RUSTY STRAUSS TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 MINUTES. MOTION SECONDED BY LEO KEARCHER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Wireless Communications Facilities Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Section 1821)

The revised draft is under review by the township engineer; not all of the comments from his December 2, 2014 letter are incorporated. The commission agreed that the permitted locations should be clarified in the preamble instead of an applicant going through everything, just to find out the proposed location is not an option. The PC did not receive the redline version, but would like the township engineer to issue a second letter to address unresolved concerns.

Historic Resource Protection Draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Section 1600)

The commission agreed that the re-write is much better than previous versions however; they still had concerns with some of the definitions, designation of existing and future resources, and the review process. John Schott recommended forming a subcommittee with 4 PC members (Rusty, Ron, Ed and Leo) and 4 HC members to address the questions and concerns. He also suggested the township engineer and township planner review the ordinance prior to the subcommittee sit-down.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN SCHOTT TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT; AND REVIEW OF THE DRAFT BY THE ENGINEER AND PLANNER. MOTION SECONDED BY RUSTY STRAUSS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Implementation Recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Supplement

Pages 47-50 of the Supplement reference strategies to improve public infrastructure to support and encourage development and redevelopment of blighted and underutilized areas; create regulatory and financial provisions; encourage enhancements of Kimberton Village; promote Cultural Heritage; and form cooperative partnerships among the Township and businesses.

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Public Infrastructure (PI): Extension of sewer and water lines along Route 23 and 724 would start with the Cutler and Longview projects. The MU and C zoning amendments address complete streets, bus shelters and establishment of access to public transportation in commercial and redevelopment areas. Development of a plan to prioritize projects such as sidewalks, trail and bike routes will start with an assessment of what currently exists; Helena will head the subcommittee for this project.

Regulatory and Financial (RF): The MU and C zoning amendments address many of the strategies in this category. Extension of the LERTA and MU districts northward along Route 724 to the township boundary may be considered in the future.

Kimberton Village (KV): The “Walkable Kimberton” initiative would provide sidewalks, civic space and traffic calming measures within the Village. Amending KR zoning regulations is under consideration.

Cultural Heritage (CH): Proposed amendments to the Historic Resource Protection standards currently under review; Kimberton Area Heritage Action Plan has been implemented; literature on signature historical and cultural resources is available; and various interpretive signs have been installed. Need to integrate trails, sidewalks and bikeways to promote bicycle and pedestrian visitor-ship to these sites.

Cooperative Partnerships (CP): Future considerations

The planning commission will continue review and discussion of implementation guidelines at a future meeting.

TIME CLOCK EXTENSIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY JOHN SCHOTT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY LEO KEARCHER. ALL IN FAVOR, MEETING ADJOURNED 8:35 PM.