



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission Meeting

May 14, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

LOCATION: This was a virtual meeting, held via Zoom video conferencing, in order to minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing. The meeting Public Notices instructed those interested in participating in the meeting to email or call the Township Manager for the link and password to join in the meeting.

In attendance:

Bob Schoenberger, Chair; Sally Winterton, Vice-Chair; Joe Stoyack, Jim Shrimp, Bob Davidson, Chad Adams, Jeff Smith, Jim Dewees, Al Gaspari – Codes Administrator, Tony Scheivert – Township Manager, Kimberly Venzie, Esq. – Buckley Brion McGuire & Morris, Gwen Jonik – Planning Commission Secretary

Bob Schoenberger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Ordinance Amendments – Review, Discussion

Amendments to the Animal Control ordinances, Chapter 50 of the Township Code, were discussed, including: the proper management of animal waste on public property (a DEP requirements for MS4 compliance), leash requirements (PA State Dog Laws), noise/nuisance, enforcement, fines.

Discussion included: potentially revising the animal waste regulations to cover just dogs as there are challenges picking up after horses, outdoor cats, etc., as well as the types of waste; condense the sections regarding the control of animals; re-word the section regarding animal waste; and who determines the penalties/fines. Kim Venzie will check if that's in the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) or the Second Class Township Code.

It was decided that the amendments would include all animals, not just dogs, and Kim Venzie will revise the other sections for review at the June meeting.

Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF), Small Wireless Facilities (SWF) Ordinances
Constant changes in communications technologies, we need to update our WCF Ordinance. In anticipation of 5G service, it's suggested we add regulations for small wireless facilities (SWF). Discussion included:

1. Within the SWF, the definition of public right-of-way doesn't include any kind of easements;
2. Regulations to minimize the adverse visual impact are allowed with SWF?;
3. Replace "town center" with "Village District"
4. Exhibits/attachments include photos of acceptable SWF. Kim asks that members who have better pictures for our specific township, forward them to her to include in future drafts. The FCC will support townships if design guidelines have been published beforehand and they're reasonable. The Commission suggested adding photos from the Village Design Guidelines – Gwen Jonik will forward them.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Stoyack moved, seconded by Jeff Smith, to approve as presented the minutes of the April 2, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Gwen Jonik noted the township building renovation is complete and Administration Staff will move back to 140 Pottstown Pike on Monday, May 18.

Jeff Smith commented that the polling locations on June 2 might be different than usual depending on the availability of poll workers and COVID-19 prevention measures.

Bob Schoenberger announced the next Planning Commission meeting is June 11, 2020 and will most likely be a virtual meeting.

Adjournment

Sally Winterton moved, seconded by Jeff Smith, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Planning Commission Secretary