



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Meeting
June 11, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Minutes
Approved

LOCATION: This was a virtual meeting, held via Zoom audio/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; Chad Adams, Jim Shrimp, Jeff Smith, Brett Hand, Jim Dewees, Kimberly Venzie, Esq. – Buckley Brion McGuire & Morris, Gwen Jonik – Planning Commission Secretary

Bob Schoenberger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Ordinance Amendments

Kim Venzie, Esq., revised the Animal Control ordinance amendments as discussed at the Commission's May meeting, including condensing and clarifying several Sections and adjusting penalty text to be consistent with other township ordinances. Terminology was discussed regarding provisions for animals that accompany those with handicaps or disabilities, and it was decided that Section 50-10 should be titled "Exemptions" and change the term handicapped to disabled/disability.

Chad Adams moved, seconded by Jeff Smith, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Animal Control Ordinance Amendments (dated June 1, 2020) with the minor modifications noted above. The Motion carried unanimously.

Small Wireless Facilities Ordinance – Chapter 143

Kim Venzie provided a draft of the small wireless facilities (SWF) ordinance that incorporated the changes discussed at the Commission's May meeting and she included all of the commercial districts (C-1, C-2, and C-3) for conformity. There was discussion regarding the fees, Form of Agreement, how to properly measure the size of the facility and how far any sound will travel. Ms. Venzie will research the FCC regulations and definitions and return to the Commission's July meeting.

Small Wireless Facilities Design Guideline – Resolution

The Commission reviewed a draft Resolution for SWF design, prepared by Ms. Venzie, that will be adopted separately and will accompany the SWF Ordinance. Discussion included:

Section IV.A.2. the measurement of 6 cubic feet should be revised to 3 cubic feet to match what is called out within the Law;

Section IV.D.3. regarding timing for compliance. It was decided to leave as drafted.

Section IV.E.4. regarding the cooling fans. Assign a decibel level, perhaps less than 55?

Section V.C. regarding Homeowners Associations (HOAs). SWF are only for within public rights-of-ways so HOAs wouldn't be involved.

Sally Winterton moved, seconded by Jim Dewees, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Resolution for Small Wireless Facilities (SWF) Design Standards. The Motion carried unanimously.

Wireless Communications Facility Ordinance (WCF).

The Commission discussed a draft WCF Ordinance amending Section 200-91 of the Zoning Codes, which cross-references the new Small Wireless Facilities (SWF) regulations, revises the permit fee language to be consistent with FCC language, and in the "Permitted Locations", added text for height of the facilities and the roads that would provide the least impact. The municipality name will be corrected on page 4.

Chad Adams moved, seconded by Jeff Smith, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Wireless Communications Facility Ordinance as drafted June 2020. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Dewees moved, seconded by Sally Winterton, to approve as presented the minutes of the May 14, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Schoenberger announced that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2020.

Open Session

Sally Winterton made comment regarding the Zoning Hearing scheduled for June 24, 2020.

Adjournment

Sally Winterton moved, seconded by Chad Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Planning Commission Secretary