

EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

December 3, 2015

Minutes

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Donegal Intermediate School

Attending Members: Mike Guinivan, Charles Engle, Dwight Hess and Mike Brubaker

Township Supervisors: Allen Esbenshade, Denny Drager and John Murphy

Township Staff: Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager

Other attendance as attached.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Engle.

Mr. Engle announced one (1) Action Item on the agenda for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE November 3, 2015 MINUTES

By motion Mr. Guinivan and seconded by Mr. Brubaker, the November 3, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. The motion was carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Ordinance Revision, Adaptive Reuse of Historic Structures – A request for an amendment to the East Donegal Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Part 5, Section 513 to further define the Historic Resources Map and to add a new section 513.15 to allow for certain adaptive reuse of certain historic resources.

Ms. Paula Leicht, Esq. and Mr. Randy Wagner were present to present the proposed ordinance revision. They represented their interests in a specific property located at the intersection of Marietta Ave. and River Road, also known as the “Riverview Towers” property.

Ms. Leicht presented a map and listing of identified historic properties that appear on the historic resources list and meet the two acre minimum acreage requirement proposed for adaptive reuse under the proposed zoning ordinance amendment. There were 22 properties identified on the list and map.

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Ms. Leicht briefly addressed the existing and proposed ordinance criteria that are to intended to address potential impacts on the historic properties and adjacent properties.

Planning Commission members expressed some concern over the proposed definition of “spa”. The proposed definition does not specifically address some of the ancillary activities that may be part of a spa operation. The members stated that the definition needs clarity to the phrase “customarily provided”.

A motion by Mr. Brubaker, seconded by Mr. Hess, to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance amendment, with additional clarification to the definition of “spa use”, was approved 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM, on a motion of Mr. Guinivan, seconded by Mr. Hess.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey L. Butler
Township manager