EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
February 4, 2015

Minutes

Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: EDT Offices

Attending Members: Mike Guinivan, Charles Engle, Dwight Hess, Tom Johnstin and Mike Brubaker
Township Supervisors: Allen Esbenshade, Denny Drager and John Murphy
Township Staff: Craig Underwood, Township Zoning Officer, Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager

Other attendance as attached.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Engle.

Mr. Engle announced that there were no Action Items or Briefing Items on the agenda for this meeting. The only item on the Agenda was discussion of a proposed Floodplain Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE December 3, 2015 MINUTES

By motion Mr. Johnstin and seconded by Mr. Hess, the December 3, 2015 meeting minutes were approved. The motion was carried.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Guinivan and seconded by Mr. Brubaker that 2015 Chairman Charles Engle and Vice Chairman Mike Guinivan continue through calendar year 2016. The motion was carried

ACTION ITEMS

None

BRIEFING ITEMS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Proposed new Floodplain Ordinance.

Mr. briefed the Commission on this new Ordinance by providing background information.

Within the past few months the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) advised all municipalities throughout the Commonwealth of the release of the latest National Floodplain Study and subsequent mapping including revisions for application within the Commonwealth including Lancaster County.

Due to the revision made by FEMA to the study and mapping and additional regulations, East Donegal Township (along with all other municipalities in Lancaster County and throughout the Commonwealth) would need to revise our floodplain regulations. An adopted, compliant Ordinance would need to be provided to FEMA no later than April 5, 2016.

Currently all of the Township's floodplain regulations are found within our Zoning Ordinance. FEMA through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) are suggesting that a stand-alone Floodplain Management Ordinance might better serve the Township and have provide municipalities with a "Model Ordinance" from which to create such a document.

East Donegal Township has decided to follow that suggested, deleting all floodplain regulations currently located within the Township Zoning Ordinance and referencing only, a new Floodplain Management Ordinance. This Ordinance would be considered as an Action Item at the Commission's March 3, 2016 meeting with a potential adoption by the Board of Supervisors at their March 3, 2016 meeting after which such adopted, compliant Ordinance would be forwarded to FEMA.

The Commission was interested in understanding some of the differences between our current regulations to new regulations. Mr. Underwood and Mr. Butler suggested that although there are some additional administrative requirements that have been incorporated into this new document, the effect on the citizenry of the Township would be innocuous.

The Commission asked if they could view any of these Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). One of the maps was produced and displayed for them.

ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW

Mr. underwood stated that all of the suggested amendments have been collated and are ready for review by the "committee". Mr. Underwood was looking for representation by the

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Commission on the committee. Mr. Guinivan expressed and interest and it was agreed to by the remaining Commission members.

The committee will start to meet in March of this year. Once the committee has agreed on the appropriate amendments, a listing of such amendments will be provided to the entire Commission and the Board of Supervisors for their review and comment. Once those comments have been incorporated into the revisions, the document will be formatted and recommended to the Commission and ultimately the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Underwood
Township Zoning Officer