

SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
599 EISENHOWER BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17111
Advertised Regular Monthly Public Meeting
Monday, September 1, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes: August 3, 2020
3. Public Comments, Including Reporting of Storm Water Management Issues
4. OLD BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

Project 2020-04C: Burger King on Derry Street
Applicant: Harrisburg, PA (SWC Derry & Milroy), LLC
Location: Derry and Milroy Streets
Plan Dated: July 23, 2020
Status: Plans submitted to the Township on July 24, 2020; submitted to the Planning Commission for review on August 3, 2020
BOC Action Deadline: November 3, 2020
5. NEW BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

Request by Steve Krall to discuss the possibility of re-zoning 3 parcels of land on Orchard Drive from Single Family Residential (R-S)
6. Other Planning Information Items, Issues and Discussion:
 - (a) Planning issues / “Swatara Rising 2025” Comprehensive Plan amendment – no updates.
 - (1) Ordinance issues:
 - (a) Amending the zoning ordinance removing “warehouses” as a condition use in the General Commercial (C-G) district – the draft ordinance recommended for adoption by the PC. The Board of Commissioners has tabled this issue for additional review by the Solicitor.
 - (b) A review and discussion regarding definition of “Flag Lot” (tabled – on hold)

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(c) A review and discussion regarding “Animals” - per the Township Board of Commissioners at their meeting on December 4, 2019, the Planning Commission is to review sections of the zoning ordinance and other applicable ordinances that regulate the keeping of animals and pets and come up with recommendations for possible allowances for the keeping of “emotional support” animals. (tabled – being researched)

Note: The Building & Codes Office currently issues permits for PIGEONS as discussed with the PC in July.

(d) A review and discussion regarding “Home Occupations” – see results of recent case under 7. Zoning Hearing Board Activity.

(e) Planners Library (information and discussion)

“Defining the New Normal: How Flexible Zoning Can Help Us Rebuild our Communities”, McNees Land Use Blog, July 27, 2020

“ Understanding E-Commerce”, PA Township News, July 2020

7. Zoning Hearing Board Activity:

The ZHB held a hearing on July 30th and heard a request for a Special Exception to operate a dog training in-home occupation at 721 North Harrisburg Street. *The ZHB denied the application based on the applicant not being able to meet one of the specific requirements for an In-Home Occupation, which is “The use shall be conducted indoors”*. The applicants did not have a sufficient indoor space within which they could offer the dog-training services.

8. Commission Member Requests and Comments

9. Communications and Announcements:

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 .

10. Adjournment