

SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

April 2, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

SWATARA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
599 EISENHOWER BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17111

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2019
3. Public Comments, Including Reporting of Storm Water Management Issues
4. OLD BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS
 - a) no old plans this month
5. NEW BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:
 - a) no new plans this month
6. PROJECTS RECENTLY REVIEWED
 - a) a) Project 2019-01R: Harrison – High Street Subdivision. Harrison Properties is the owner and proposed to subdivide an existing 11,554 square foot parcel into two lots. One lot would contain the existing dwelling unit and the second lot would become an available building lot. No development is proposed at this time.
Location: 419 High Street
Plan Dated: January 25, 2019
Recommended for approval on 3/5/2019 and **approved by the Township Board of Commissioners on 3/13/2019.**
 - b) Other Subdivision and Land Development Projects – See “Plan Status Report”
7. Other Planning Information Items, Issues and Discussion
 - a) (Information) Update of the Township Comprehensive Plan “Swatara Rising 2025”
The Steering Committee is guiding the overall process. Staff is working to assemble information on various projects that are pending and has started drafting a report. Almost 30 different projects have been identified, and there may be more. The projects are grouped into three “focus areas” to help discuss problems and identify solutions. These are 1) Transportation, 2) Improving Neighborhoods, and 3) Economic Development & Municipal Facilities. The Planning Commission will be the “sounding board” to review and discuss the various projects and make recommendations. The Board of Commissioners has been asked to appoint one member to one of the focus groups.

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b) (Information) Transportation

PennDOT revealed a draft plan for the US 322/Chambers Hill Road/Grayson Road intersection on March 6th at 2:00 pm. The project is still in preliminary design status. However, as it was presented, the design will be another big change to the geography of the road network in the township.

c) (Information) June meeting - Mr. Ihlein will not be attendance due to travel plans.

d) (Discussion) Design and Development Compatibility Standards for the Zoning Ordinance

This was identified as a need and an ongoing project. See handouts for review.
>Should the Standards apply to certain sections of the Derry Street business district?
>Review of information from the Derry Street Safety Study

e) (Discussion) Update on the Sidewalk Study Project

The final report was presented to the Board of Commissioners at their March 13th meeting. Staff also be presented the report to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission on March 28th as required under the conditions of the planning grant.
>Review the List of Projects and discuss possible priorities.
>Comparison to the “Pedestrian Greenway Access Study” of 2009.

f) Zoning Ordinance issues [1]

A review and discussion of definitions and additional requirements for “BYOB Clubs” and “Nightclubs” is needed.
>Review definitions from other ordinances.

g) Zoning Ordinance issues [2]

A review and discussion regarding minimum lot size requirements for residential uses in commercial districts. See “Attachment 2” of the Zoning Ordinance

8. Zoning Hearing Board Activity

See attached notice for a hearing on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm concerning a proposed billboard. This hearing was continued to April 25, 2019.

9. Commission Member Requests and Comments

10. Communications and Announcements

Next Meeting scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

11. Adjournment