

SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 3, 2023

The Swatara Township Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order, by Chairman Chuck Bowser, with the Pledge of Allegiance, on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:04 p.m., at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Members of the Commission present:

Chuck Bowser, Chairman	Pat Horner
Chad Martin, Vice-Chairman	Lee Pisano
Karen Bear	

Also, present: Robert Ihlein, Swatara Township Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Secretary to the Planning Commission; Danielle Derolf, Project Engineer, Dawood Engineers.

REORGANIZATION FOR 2023 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- a) Chairman - Karen Bear nominated Chad Martin as Chairman.
Vice-Chairman: - Lee Pisano nominated Chuck Bowser as Vice-Chairman.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission members to approve the nominations for 2023 as follows: Chairman - Chad Martin, Vice-Chairman - Chuck Bowser. Robert Ihlein will continue the position as Secretary to the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE, REGULAR MEETING:

Karen Bear made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022, regular meeting. Lee Pisano seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, INCLUDING REPORTING OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES: There were no comments of stormwater management issues or public comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: No new business at this time.

OLD BUSINESS - PLANNING INFORMATION, ISSUES AND ORDINANCES:

a) Referred by the Board of Commissioners:

Warehouses: Direction from the Township Board of Commissioners during their meeting on April 13 for the Planning Commission to study properties where warehouse development would be appropriate and compatible, and to recommend criteria to regulate their siting and development.

ACTION: Review Power Point presentation for the Board of Commissioners on January 11, 2023: Mr. Martin will do the presentation, supported by the Planning Commission members who can attend.

b) Petition to Amend the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Swatara Paxton Developers LLC:

ACTION: Review memo to Board of Commissioners with recommendations: Mr. Bowser reported this has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS - PLANNING INFORMATION, ISSUES AND ORDINANCES

ACTION: Discussion regarding any potential changes to the zoning ordinances that should be addressed and recommended to the Board of Commissioners:

- a) Short term rentals - regulate and inspect, could be similar to hotel situation.
- b) Chickens and ducks on smaller properties.
- c) High volume drive through restaurants.
- d) EV changing stations.
- e) Check TCRPC convenience store and other needed ordinances.
- f) Define flex space and shopping terminals.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 7, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Horner made a motion adjourn the meeting, The meeting