

SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2023

The Swatara Township Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Chad Martin, with the Pledge of Allegiance, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:03 p.m., at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Members of the Commission present:

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

Member absent: Pat Horner.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2023 REGULAR MEETING:

Chuck Bowser made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023, regular meeting. Lee Pisano seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 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: No old business, planning information, issues and ordinances at this time.

NEW BUSINESS - PLANNING INFORMATION, ISSUES AND ORDINANCES

- a) ACTION: Review the Planning Commission 2022 Report to the Board of Commissioners. After the review of the report it was the consensus of the Planning Commission members to approve sending the Planning Commission Report to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

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- b) ACTION: Discussion regarding land use and zoning issues selected by the Commission that may be addressed and recommended to the Board of Commissioners. See the fact sheets from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for review.
- 1) Accessory dwelling units: These can be used as a short term rental currently not permitted in the Single-Family Residential District.
 - 2) Farm animals and non-traditional pets: This will be tabled until the April meeting.
 - 3) Short term rentals: This is also not currently permitted in the Single-Family Residential District and could be regulated as a Special Exception and be inspected. Mr. Ihlein will check the Derry Township Ordinance for the next Planning Commission meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) Zoning Hearing Board Case No. 2023-003: Mumma Realty Associates requesting dimensional variances to relocate an existing billboard on their property. Hearing scheduled on March 15, 2023.
- b) Zoning Hearing Board Case No. 2023-004: PA - American Water Company requesting Special Exception approval to construct a small office/garage building on the site of an existing drinking water reservoir and pumping station.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2023

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS: No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Chuck Bowser made a motion, seconded by Karen Bear to adjourn the meeting, The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Frances Peck, Recording Secretary