

New Sewickley Township

Planning Commission

233 Miller Road

Rochester, PA 15074

Chairman Albert Horn

Vice Chairman Jenny Fessler

Secretary Ed Eisenbrown

MINUTES

May 16, 2024

On May 16, 2024, the New Sewickley Township Planning Commission held its monthly meeting at the township municipal building. Vice-Chairman Jen Fessler called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Present were:

Planning Commission Members: Secretary Ed Eisenbrown, Ed Majors, Art Craig, Chris Brenckle, and Gary Braun

Absent: Chairman Albert Horn

Township Officials: Manager Ronald Leindecker, Secretary Lawrie Borgman, and Township Planner Joanne Shelly

Guests: Larry Hough, Mike Phipps, Greg Happ, Dan Plunkett, and Patti Gerhard

Call to Order and Pledge: Vice-Chairman Fessler called the meeting to order and announced security cameras were installed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Opening Comments

Public Hearing for Meadowcrest Development held on April 24, 2024

Vice Chairman Fessler stated the Meadowcrest Development public hearing was held and well attended. As stated at the hearing, it will be on the Board of Supervisors' June agenda.

Public Comments

None.

Minutes

Corrections to minutes: Fix spelling of "Martin" Bonzo, Teresa Sharpless and Dave Bocci are both is listed twice.

Motion by Majors to approve the March 21, 2024 meeting minutes with the corrections noted, seconded by Craig. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

Pre-Application

None.

Preliminary Plans

None.

Old Business

None.

Ordinance Review

Assist Manager with Codification Review

Manager Leindecker requested help from the Planning Commission providing input on stand-alone ordinances being reviewed for the codification project. He will provide the Commission with five (5) ordinances at the beginning of each month for a quick review and provide any feedback.

Educational Programs

PSATS Conference

Vice-Chairman Fessler reviewed highlights from the Agrotourism, EV charging stations, and grid-scale solar classes she attended at the PSATS Conference.

Land Conservation and Preservation

Joanne Shelly reviewed various ways to help people preserve their farmland through land preservation. Ms. Shelly would like to pick an area of the Comprehensive Plan each month to review with the Commission.

Discussion

Housing

Joanne Shelly will provide an educational session in June on different types of housing definitions based on the responses from the Comprehensive Plan survey.

Closing Comments

Vice-Chairman Fessler stated there will be a hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on July 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Majors to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brenckle. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie Borgman
Township Secretary