

New Sewickley Township

Planning Commission

233 Miller Road

Rochester, PA 15074

Chairman Albert Horn

Vice Chairman Jenny Fessler

Secretary Ed Eisenbrown

MINUTES

July 19, 2024

On July 19, 2024, the New Sewickley Township Planning Commission held its monthly meeting at the township municipal building. Chairman Albert Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were:

Planning Commission Members: Secretary Ed Eisenbrown Ed Majors, and Chris Brenckle

Absent: Vice-Chairman Jenny Fessler, Art Craig, and Gary Braun

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

Guests: Mike Phipps, Chris Hasenflu, Norman Meeder, Alexander Meeder, Amanda Peterson, Larry Hough, and Laura Dengel

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

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Opening Comments

There will be a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan on July 30th at 5:30 p.m. Manager Leindecker has requested the members of the Planning Commission attend.

Public Comments

Laura Dengel questioned if the Planning Commission members were satisfied with the current PRD ordinance and expressed her concerns over it.

Alex Meeder expressed concern over the development and future growth in the township.

Norm Meeder expressed concern over the continuing increase in traffic around the Beaver Valley Setter's Club and concern over protecting the land.

Mike Phipps expressed concern over municipalities being forced by mandates to loosen restrictions in zoning.

Chris Hasenflu questioned when the zoning districts were changed and how the public was notified.

Minutes

Motion by Majors to approve the June 20, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Brenckle.
Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Pre-Application

None.

Preliminary Plans

None.

Old Business

None.

Ordinance Review

Codification Review

The Planning Commission has begun reviewing the codification as requested by Manager Leindecker. Ed Eisenbrown has concerns with the penalties and fees.

Manager Leindecker asked the Commission to review five pages monthly and provide him with concerns. Manager Leindecker stated the township should have an ordinance that provides an avenue to collect the funds if an uninsured home burns down and the township is forced to remove the home.

Educational Programs

Joanne Shelly prepared an educational session on housing options, zoning challenges, and trends.

Comprehensive Plan Overview

Joanne Shelly suggested that the Commission review housing, infrastructure, and land use as topics in the coming months.

Ms. Shelly will prepare a review of the Comprehensive Plan survey questions and the results received for the August meeting.

Discussion

None.

Closing Comments

None.

Adjourn

Motion by Majors to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brenckle. Vote of 4-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie Borgman
Township Secretary