

New Sewickley Township

Planning Commission

**233 Miller Road
Rochester, PA 15074**

Chairman Albert Horn

Vice Chairman Jenny Fessler

Secretary Ed Eisenbrown

MINUTES

August 15, 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: Vice-Chairman Jenny Fessler, Secretary Ed Eisenbrown, Ed Majors, and Chris Brenckle

Absent: Art Craig and Gary Braun

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

Guests: Larry Hough, Alex Meeder, Allison Mason, Jeff Mason, Dan Swartz, Charles Veloski, Brett Schultz, Kaylin Mazzetti, and Laura Dengel

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

Amendments to the Agenda

None

Opening Comments

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan and adopted the Plan at their August meeting.

Public Comments

Alex Meeder requested permission to provide a landscape presentation regarding retention basins in PRDs. Chairman Horn stated he could make arrangements to do so at a future Planning Commission meeting.

Manager Leindecker requested Mr. Meeder contact him to discuss ways to enhance the landscaping currently in progress.

Dan Swartz stated he feels the engineer should review the plantings in a PRD.

Ed Eisenbrown stated the Commission could consider Mr. Meeder's suggestions for future landscape plans.

Laura Dengel expressed concern over the Comprehensive Plan and public comment at Planning Commission meetings.

Kaylin Mazzetti expressed concern over public comment at Planning Commission meetings and land preservation.

Dan Swartz stated he does not have concerns during Planning Commission meetings.

Jeff Mason questioned what agenda item 13a Cranberry Report was regarding.

Minutes

Motion by Majors to approve the July 18, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Eisenbrown. Vote of 4-0 in favor.

Pre-Application

None.

Preliminary Plans

None.

Old Business

Meadowcrest Land Development Final & Subdivision Phase I

Chairman Horn stated the LSSE review was just sent that afternoon and discussion would be tabled to give the Commission members time for a review.

Ordinance Review

None

Educational Programs

Chris Brenckle put together some statistics about agriculture in New Sewickley Township that he reviewed with the Commission. Chairman Horn requested he expand the report to share again with the Commission.

Discussion

Cranberry Report

Jenny Fessler attended a public hearing at Cranberry Township for an update on their traffic impact fee. Cranberry is predicting 50,000 residents in the next 20 years. They anticipate two additional large developments. One on Glen Eden Road and the other on Rochester Road.

Closing Comments

Chairman Horn stated there will be three zoning hearings for residential properties. Two on August 28th and one in September. Ed Majors will attend on behalf of Planning.

Jenny Fessler stated she will attend the PSATS Zoning Fall Seminar on September 10th. She will provide an update at the September meeting.

Chris Brenckle stated he appreciates constructive criticism but asks the public to be respectful and not target their comments personally toward people. He stated that he understands that the process can be frustrating at times but to understand there are processes to follow.

Adjourn

Motion by Fessler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eisenbrown. Vote of 4-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie Borgman
Township Secretary