

**New Sewickley Township**

**Planning Commission**

**233 Miller Road**

**Rochester, PA 15074**

**Chairman Albert Horn**

**Vice Chairman Jenny Fessler**

**Secretary Ed Eisenbrown**

**MINUTES**

**December 19, 2024**

On December 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, Gary Braun, Ed Majors, Art Craig, and Chris Brenckle

**Township Officials:** Secretary Lawrie Borgman, Engineer John Wright, and Planner Ashley Harris

**Guests:** Anthony Chambers, Larry Hough, 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***

***Zoning Hearing Held on January 15, 2024 – 441 Big Knob Road***

The resident at 441 Big Knob Road is asking for relief for additional square than the ordinance permits for a home-based business.

***PSATS Conference***

Jenny Fessler is requesting to attend the 2025 conference. The supervisors will vote on the approval at their reorganization meeting. If anyone else on the commission would like to attend, they need to contact Lawrie Borgman before January 6<sup>th</sup>.

***Public Comments***

None.

***Minutes***

Motion by Fessler to approve the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Majors. Vote of 6-0 in favor.

***Pre-Application***

None.

***Preliminary Plans***

None

***Old Business***

None.

***Conditional Use Submission***

None.

***Ordinance Review***

***Chicken/Livestock***

Chairman Horn stated a resident had been sent a code violation notice for too many chickens based on the property size. It was brought to the Planning Commission's attention so they may review the current ordinance. Owen Pella sent an email listing the violations on the property. Chairman Horn stated the Manager, Code Enforcement Officer, and Zoning Consultant are working together to give the resident direction, which likely would include requesting a Zoning Hearing. Chairman Horn requested the manager include LSSE in the discussions. Ashley Harris recommended the township develop a permit system for residents who own property with less than 10 acres and want to purchase chickens or livestock so the number of animals and setback of structures could be approved.

The Planning Commission does not plan to change the ordinance at this time.

***Educational Programs***

Chairman Horn requested LSSE continue providing education to the commission if there is anything they feel would benefit them. Jenny Fessler requested LSSE contact DCED for educational resources.

***Discussion***

Chairman Horn stated the township was notified by the DEP that the Meadowcrest application was turned down. Meadowcrest will submit a new application as per the DEP's instructions.

***Closing Comments***

None.

***Adjourn***

Motion by Fessler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Majors. Vote of 6-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie Borgman, Township Secretary