

# UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP

## Planning Commission Meeting

December 20, 2017 at 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Charles Deprill.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Chuck Deprill, Vice-Chairman Kenneth Pavkovic, Paul McNemar, Kim Snelling and P. Sunny Ghai.

Planning Director Daren Martocci, Engineer Scott Stenroos and Solicitor Andrew Schantz were also present.

Chairman Charles Deprill opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by C. Deprill and seconded by P. McNemar. Motion passed (vote was unanimous).

### Administration:

C. Deprill introduced Tim Helmer to the Planning Commission members. Tim is an Engineer and has been a resident of Upper Macungie Township since 2001. After some discussion, S. Ghai made a motion to nominate Tim Helmer for the open PC member position and send recommendation to the BOS for approval. The motion was seconded by C. Deprill and the vote was 3 to 2 in favor of Tim Helmer. Motion passed.

### Plan Review:

None

### Proposed Zoning Amendment Review:

#### **#2018-02 Proposed Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Sections 27-102, 27-118, 27-202 and 27-306 for Conditional Use Process Updates**

D. Martocci discussed the need for this ordinance update which adds sections that were eliminated from the last ordinance update, the ordinance also added uses that are permitted on Township owned lands. This was mainly housekeeping exercise to make sure all revisions were captured in the update. P. McNemar commented that only Section (4) was added to 102 and Section (2C) was added to 118. K. Snelling made a motion, which was seconded by P. McNemar, to recommend this ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

#### **#2018-03 Proposed Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Section 27-307.2.C for Maximum Building Height.**

D. Martocci discussed the need for this ordinance update which increases the maximum building height of office buildings to 150 feet in the LI and LI(L) Districts. S. Ghai made a motion, which was seconded by K. Pavkovic, to recommend to this ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**#2018-01 Proposed Ordinance Amending 27-202, 27-306 and 27-403.4 for Agritourism and Agritainment.**

Chuck Deprill opened the discussion on this ordinance by making a motion to table it based on information received at end of the Monday workshop for further staff review, which was seconded by Paul McNemar. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Attorney David Knerr, Esq. representing John Jr. & Pat Skrip then addressed the Planning Commission to discuss the ordinance.

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Resident Lyle Loeb of 52 Adams Road, owns a property adjacent to the Grim Orchard addressed the Planning Commission to discuss the ordinance.

John Berry from the Penn State Extension addressed the Planning Commission on the topic of Agritourism.

Resident Ray Laudenslager (neighbor) addressed the Planning Commission to discuss the ordinance.

Jeff Chandler addressed the Planning Commission to discuss the ordinance.

D. Martocci informed the Planning Commission that the BOS reorganizational meeting will be held on January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM and the next regularly scheduled BOS meeting will be held on January 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

P. McNemar made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sunny Ghai. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Secretary, Planning Commission