

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2017
6:00 pm

I. ATTENDANCE

The Planning Commission held its organizational meeting on Monday, January 8, 2017 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

Commission:

Marc McMaster, Chairperson
Rob Crassweller, Vice-Chairperson
Lisa Strickland, Secretary
Andrea Harman, absent
Erik Scott
Ralph Wheland
Bill Keough
Cristin Mitchell, Alternate
Jeremie Thompson, Alternate

Staff:

Ray Stolinas, Planning & Zoning Director
Lindsay Schoch, Community Planner
Jeff Ressler, Zoning Officer

Others in attendance included: Marcella Bell, Recording Secretary; and Laura Dininni, Board of Supervisors

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McMaster called the Monday, January 8, 2017 Ferguson Township Planning Commission Organizational meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

On January 2, 2018, the Board of Supervisors appointed Jeremie Thompson as the second Alternate Member of the Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors also reappointed core Planning Commission members Ralph Wheland and Lisa Strickland and Alternate Cristin Mitchell until December 2021.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Stolinas requested nominations for 2018 Chairperson. Mr. Keough made motion that Ms. Strickland become Chairperson. Mr. McMaster seconded the motion. Mr. Wheland made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Keough seconded the motion. The motions passed 5-0 (Mr. Scott and Ms. Harman were not in attendance at that time).

Ms. Strickland requested nominations for 2018 Vice Chairperson. Mr. Wheland made a motion that Mr. Keough become Vice Chairperson. Mr. McMaster seconded the motion. Mr. Wheland made a motion to close nominations. Mr. McMaster seconded. The motions passed 5-0 (Mr. Scott and Ms. Harman were not in attendance at that time).

Ms. Strickland requested nominations for 2018 Secretary. Mr. Keough made a motion that Mr. Crassweller become Secretary. Mr. Wheland seconded the motion. Mr. McMaster made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Wheland seconded. The motions passed 6-0 (Mr. Scott arrive during this motion).

V. ESTABLISH MEETING DATES

Ms. Strickland discussed the meeting dates for 2018. Mr. Stolinas stated that staff added a meeting on January 29, 2018, to discuss the Working Draft Zoning/SALDO with our consultant Environmental Planning and Design (EPD). The May 29 meeting will be held on a Tuesday due to observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 28. Only one meeting has been tentatively scheduled in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday and hunting season; however, after some discussion staff feels that a second meeting can be added and

the Planning Commission can decide closer to the meeting if it is needed or not.. The December meeting date is tentatively scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month (December 4th) because the Board of Supervisors generally schedule their last meetings of the year for the first and second Monday (December 3rd & 10th).

A motion was made by Mr. Keough and seconded by Mr. McMaster to approve the 2018 Planning Commission meeting dates with the January 31 meeting to read January 29, 2018 and to advertise the second November meeting on November 26, 2018. The motion carried 6-0.

VI. SELECTION OF THE CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (CRPC) REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

There was some discussion regarding whether or not Planning Commission alternates could take those positions. Mr. Stolinas stated that Jim May, Centre Regional Planning Agency Director, felt that if the alternate participated in their municipality's Planning Commission, he would not see a problem. Also, Article II of the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) does not preclude a Planning Commission alternate member from serving in a regional planning capacity.

A motion was made by Mr. Crassweller and seconded by Mr. Keough to nominate Cristin Mitchell as the representative for the CRPC. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Keough and seconded by Mr. McMaster to have Ralph Wheland remain the CRPC alternate representative. The motion carried 6-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Planning Commission during the Organizational meeting, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Rob Crassweller, Secretary
For the Planning Commission