

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chairman Ken Bleiler called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Alan Haring, Ed Simpson. Professionals present: Engineer, Roy Stewart; Solicitor, Jill Nagy, Code Officer, Chris Paff. Member Nancy Unger and Manager Justin Yaich were not present.

**REORGANIZATION:**

1. Motion was made by Haring and seconded by Simpson to appoint Solicitor Jill Nagy as Chairman pro tem. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Motion to appoint a Chairman for 2015
  - a. Motion was made by Haring and seconded by Simpson to appoint Ken Bleiler as Chairman for 2015. Motion passed (3-0).
3. Motion to appoint a Vice-Chairman for 2015
  - a. Motion was made by Haring seconded by Simpson to appoint Simpson as Vice-Chairman for 2015. Motion passed (3-0).
4. Motion to appoint a Secretary for 2015
  - a. Motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Haring to appoint Haring as Secretary for 2015. Motion passed (3-0).
5. Motion to appoint Justin Yaich as the finance and recording secretary for 2015
  - a. Motion was made by Haring and seconded by Simpson to appoint Yaich as finance and recording secretary for 2015. Motion passed (3-0).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. This will be the last meeting for Member Alan Haring. The Township would like to wish Mr. Haring the best and thank him for all his years of service to the Township.
2. Two new members will be joining the Planning Commission in March. They are: Donald Bucci and Earl Martin.

**ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18 2014 PLANNING MEETING:**

1. Motion was made by Haring and seconded by Simpson to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed (3-0).

**PLANS TO REVIEW:**

1. Arrowhead Lot #19 – Conditional Use Application
  - a. Lot #19 was represented by Rob Hain of Berks Surveying and Engineering.
  - b. The Planning Commission reviewed the application for conditional use at Arrowhead Lot #19. Several comments were offered.
  - c. There must be parking for all employees on site.
  - d. Shed will be removed from the property and no tires will be stored on site.
  - e. Office is to be used for dispatcher and will have a bathroom. Plan is to have 5 trucks and one dispatcher.

- f. The Planning Commission noted that the plans should ensure there is adequate turning radius for tractor trailers.
  - g. Engineer Stewart questioned if there will be security gates at the entrance.
  - h. Engineer Stewart reviewed his letter dated 2-19-2015.
  - i. Code Officer Paff reviewed his letter dated 2-19-2015.
  - j. Developer will work with Code Officer Paff to define the scope and nature of lighting for the site.
  - k. Motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Haring to recommend approval of conditional use based upon the conditions set forth in Engineer Stewart's letter, Code Officer Paff's letter, and the previous discussed items in 1c through 1k. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Apollo Point Apartments - Planning Module - Component 4A
    - a. Motion was made by Haring and seconded by Simpson to approve component 4A of the Planning Module and authorize Chairman Ken Bleiler to execute the same. Motion passed (3-0).

#### **MONTHLY SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT:**

##### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

1. Engineer - Roy Stewart - Nothing additional
2. Solicitor - Jill Nagy - Nothing additional

##### **HEARING OF THE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. A general discussion took place among the Planning Commission Members regarding the proposed round-a-bout at Route 222 and Long Lane.
2. Planning Commission Members have serious concerns about the proposal.
3. Concern for the lack of a shoulder for motorists to exit the lane of travel was discussed.
4. No modeling was illustrated for horse and buggy for the double turn.
5. Planning Commission Member Nancy Unger was going to organize a meeting to discuss the impacts of the round-a-bout.
6. Motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Haring to take an official stand on the safety issues surrounding the proposed round-a-bout. Motion passed (3-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Simpson and seconded by Haring to adjourn. Motion passed (3-0).

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Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yaich, Manager