

MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
April 21, 2009

The Springfield Township Planning Commission (PC) held its semi-monthly meeting on the date noted above.

Chairman Bob Gutowski called the meeting to order at 7PM, present were Angela Murray, George McDowell, Amanda Helwig, Joe Gerber, Mary Holland, David Sands, James Mascaro and Joseph Devine

Commissioner Doug Heller and Rob Dunlop the Staff Liaison represented the Township and Jean Holland represented the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) this evening.

Minutes

Minutes of the March 17th, 2009 meeting were read. A motion to approve was made by Bob Gutowski, seconded by Angela Murray and approved with 6 votes for approval, none against and two abstentions.

Old Business **None**

New Business

Two developers will be coming before the PC in May who have previously visited the BOC. They are seeking to change the zoning from Age Restricted to Age Targeted due to the change in economic viability of age restricted housing in the current real estate market. The BOC deferred the developers to the PC and want the PC's recommendations. Rob Dunlop to provide background and discussion information to the PC prior to the May 5th PC Meeting with the two developers.

Montgomery County Planning Commission course on Community Planning. May 4,11,18 at Whitpain Twp Building 6:30-9pm w light dinner. Contact Rita McKelvey at 610-278-3753 or www.planning.montcopa.or for more information.

Board of Commissioner Update

D. Heller

Com. Heller updated the Commission on the continuing discussions of the BOC regarding the Riparian Ordinance. The BOC previously passed a motion that Springfield Township supports trails in the municipality. A feasibility study will be presented at the May 13th BOC Meeting. Commissioner Heller will also be attending a meeting regarding the Lloyd Estate on Willow Grove Avenue, a majority of which is situated in Cheltenham Township. Lastly, the new Township website is up and

running, PC Members are encouraged to review the site for comments and suggestions and to spread the word to the general public that the site is available to our residents.

Historic Preservation Ordinance Version 5B

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The PC continued in a workshop session to continue its efforts in fine tuning the Historic Preservation Ordinance. General consensus was reached as to the intent and purpose of the ordinance. Major discussion items to be included in DRAFT VERSION 5B include:

- 1.) New Article to be inserted. A Historic Commission shall be established and be duly appointed by the BOC. The BOC agree to allow the PC to make recommendations as to the composition of the Historic Commission. The Historic Commission shall provide recommendations regarding demolition and alterations to properties on the Historic Inventory to the PC. That the Historic Commission shall maintain the Historic Inventory.
- 2.) It was agreed that verbiage should be added to provide a vehicle for home owners to appeal their inclusion in the Historic Inventory. Upon determination of the PC that a property should stay on the Historic Inventory, a property owner will be permitted to appeal to the BOC.

There being no more discussion, a motion to adjourn was put forth by Angela Murray and seconded by Mary Holland. The motion was approved unanimously and the session adjourned at 9PM.

The next PC meeting shall be May 5th, 2009.

Amanda M. Helwig, Secretary