

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRINGFIELDTOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 17th, 2011**

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 7: 05 PM, with the following members present: Amanda Helwig, Mary Holland, David Sands, Joseph Devine, Bob Gutowski, George Schaeffer and Angela Murray. Absent were James Mascaro and Joe Gerber. Rob Dunlop Staff Liaison and Commissioner Doug Heller represented the Township and Jean Holland represented the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) this evening.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May 3rd, 2011 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mary Holland and seconded by David Sands. Angela Murray & George Schaeffer abstained. Minutes approved.

**Commissioners Report:**

The Riparian ordinance passed enabling riparian areas. It also defines them and the EAC is informing everyone that is along a riparian area how they can now be maintained.

Wyndhill likely will appear at the PC meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. R. Dunlop to have the previous minutes of the last time they appeared available. The Solicitor feels that only if there is an issue of public safety can we reject their plan.

The Village District overlay is being reviewed by an expert for comments and will be coming up on the BOC agenda.

**New Business**

**Outdoor Dining Facilities Ordinance**

The PC was asked to review and make recommendations to the proposed Outdoor Dining Facilities Ordinance. R. Dunlop reported that STEMS had reviewed.

In the course of conversation numerous changes were recommended to the ordinance as follows:

PC felt the Ordinance should be re-named the Seasonal Sidewalk Café Ordinance

Section 1: Purpose and Intent : Was re-written as follows: The purpose of this section is to allow portions of the public sidewalk and areas of private (premises) *property adjacent to* the public sidewalk bordering an eating establishment to utilize the above noted area to provide accessory services to promote the creation of an attractive pedestrian environment for businesses during the day and evening that will foster a pleasant and distinctive ambiance within the Township. The regulations contained in this section are established in order that the subject activity will be conducted in such a manner that will ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township are protected.

Section 2: Definitions: Definition re-written as follows: **SEASONAL SIDEWALK CAFE**: An accessory and subordinate activity of the services provided by an existing restaurant, eating establishment or food preparation business wherein the exterior seating area *adjacent to the public sidewalk, and/or including the public sidewalk* is used solely for the purpose of consuming products also available within the primary establishment on the premises.

Section 3: License Required. B. 5: Add that Township to be notified of lapse of insurance.

Section 4: License Terms and Conditions: A: Change to dates April 15<sup>th</sup> thru October 15<sup>th</sup>

Section 5: Regulations: A. 4: This section addresses safety, PC wants to add “ shall not place anything in any entrance or egress, alley way....” and remove the word “building” before the words “entrance and egress at the end of the first sentence.

Section 5: Regulations: A. 8. Remove Trash Receptacles . BOC to discuss the heaters

Section 5: Regulations: A. 9. Drop the last sentence.

Section 6: Related Terms of Operations: B: Change to read “Service capacity for 8”.

PC felt that this Ordinance belonged under Zoning and allowed under B1 and B2.

Motion to recommend to BOC the adaption of Seasonal Sidewalk café Ordinance as amended by our conversation. Seconded by M. Holland. All in favor. None opposed.

### **Old Business**

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Jean Holland passed out Comprehensive Plan Update and highlighted completed sections like Zoning Maps have been updated, community profile, the Emerging Trends and Critical issues Document. Jean Holland to send comments received from government bodies for review prior to June 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Motion to adjourn Bob Gutowski at 8:39 pm seconded by David Sands. All in Favor.

Minutes by A. Helwig, Secretary