

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**SPRINGFIELDTOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**January 15, 2013**

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 6:58 PM, with the following members present: Amanda Helwig, Bob Gutowski, George Schaefer, Steve Schagrin, Angela Murray, David Sands and Mary Holland. Commissioner Tom Bell and Robert Dunlop represented the Township and Jean Holland represented the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) this evening. Absent: Joseph Devine and James Mascaro

Minutes: Minutes of the November 20th, 2012 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes with amendments by S. Schagrin and seconded by D. Sands. All were in favor.

**Commissioner's Report**

- Giant was approved by the BOC with minor waivers. The building will be on the same footprint as the Home Depot would have been. Demolition is expected to take one month. They have applied for a liquor license for a café they will be placing in the new store.
- The developer of the Lloyd Estate on Willow Grove Ave appeared before the BOC to have an informal discussion about a zoning change.
- The BOC is moving \$300,000 from the Sewer Capital Reserve to the new Storm Water Management Fund to fund upcoming 2013 projects, there is some legality to be addressed before it is done so.
- There is a proposed Community Garden for the open space on Kingston Road in Oreland.

**Old Business**

**Campus Municipal Plan**

- M. Holland updated the PC on the Open House that took place on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. About 6 to 8 members of the public attended and they received excellent feedback and comments. The PC felt it would be appropriate for them to have a presentation on the proposed plan at a future meeting.

**New Business**

**Election of Officers**

- Motion to retain all officers from 2012; Robert Gutowski Chairman, James Mascaro Vice Chairman, and Amanda Helwig, Secretary made by A. Murray and seconded by M. Holland. All in favor.

**Township Sandwich Board Sign Ordinance**

- The PC reviewed a Sandwich Board Sign Parameters sheet provided by R. Dunlop. Amongst minor commentary the PC felt it very important to add a definition of Sandwich Board and to make sure, as reflected in the Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes, that the Township Staff seek language to allow for Civic Groups like the Springfield Township Historical Society.

## **Comprehensive Plan Update**

**J. Holland**

The Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives were presented by J. Holland to the Commissioners in December. J. Holland relayed she was pleasantly surprised the Commissioners were not opposed to any of the PC's recommendations and were supportive of the document and eager to move forward.

The PC gave one final review of Chapter 12 Recommendations and Implementation. The following amendments were made:

- Land Use. Flip 1.6 & 1.4
- Historic Resource Protection. 4.3 add landscapes.
- Housing. Under 5.2 add "preservation and" before "development".
- Housing. Remove "low flow and tank-less water heaters"
- Transportation. Under 6.4 remove "new development".
- Energy Use & Conservation. 8.1 to read "Encourage land use site and building design practices that utilize conservation techniques."

J. Holland will send to the PC her ideas for the "Resources" column and asked the PC to add any additional resources they can think of.

Motion to adjourn made by B. Gutowski and seconded simultaneously by D. Sands and M. Holland. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes by A. Helwig, Secretary