

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

The Springfield Township Planning Commission met in a regular scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M., at Springfield Township Administration Building, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA. Present at the meeting were Ms. Helwig, Ms. Murray, Mr. Gutowski, Mr. Mascaro, Mr. Devine, Mr. Sands, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Bruce and Commissioner Standish. Also in attendance was Mr. Eric Jerrell, Community Planner, Michael Taylor, Township Manager and Mark Penecale, Director of Planning & Zoning.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting were approval with one typographical correction. The minutes were approved unanimously. (Helwig/Mascaro)

Board of Commissioners Update:

Commissioner Standish briefed the Planning Commission on the current status of the Historical Commission and the need for the Board of Commissioners to appoint qualified residents that have a drive to serve on this committee. The Board of Commissioners are openly seeking resumes from interested residents.

The Planning Commission was briefed on the status of the Haws Lane Development. The property was approved as 107 bed assistant living facility. The property owners submitted a revised plan for a 100 unit age restricted development. This second proposal was withdrawn by the applicant after receiving opposition from the surrounding community. Mr. Taylor informed the Planning Commission of the July 2021 deadline for the approved plan.

Commissioner Standish inform the Planning Commission of the award received by Springfield Township from the Chestnut Hill Conservancy.

Election of Officers:

Prior to calling for nominations for a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2020, Mr. Gutowski thanked the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners for allowing him to serve on the Planning Commission and for his long term as Chairperson. Mr. Gutowski stated his desire to see someone new be elected Chairperson.

Mr. Gutowski called for nomination for Chairperson. Amanda Helwig was nominated by Mr. Gutowski. No other nominations were made. The motion was seconded by Ms. Murray and Ms. Helwig was elected Chairperson of the Planning Commission for the calendar year 2020, unanimously.

Mr. Gutowski called for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2020. Mr. Mascaro was nominated. No other nominations were brought forward. A motion was made and seconded. Mr. Mascaro was elected Vice Chairperson of the Planning Commission for the calendar year 2020, unanimously. (Gutowski/Helwig)

The Planning Commission had an open discussion on the need to appoint a secretary to the Planning Commission. Mr. Gutowski made a pointed note that in his opinion, due to the Planning Commission Member's interaction with the pending application, he felt the notes taken by staff better served the needs of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission agreed and no secretary was elected. Mr. Penecale was assigned task of preparing the minutes.

Old Business:

Mr. Jarrell brought the Planning Commission up to date on the status of the revisions to the on-site parking requirements. Mr. Jarrell will forward to the Planning Commission the latest set of notes he has on file and this subject will be added to the Planning Commission agenda.

A brief discussion took place on revisions to both the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance and also the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission would like to address both of these subject in 2020.

Mr. Jarrell informed the Planning Commission that Montgomery County Planning Commission has hired a new Planning Consultant, Mr. Arron Holly will be joining us at our upcoming meetings.

New Business:

The Planning Commission discussed the need to have a member(s) of the Planning Commission serve on the Historical Commission. After a brief discussion Mr. Sands and Mr. Divine volunteered to serve on the commission. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Mr. Sands and Mr. Divine be appointed to the Historical Commission. (Helwig/Gutowski)

Mr. Penecale was introduced to the Planning Commission Members.

There was no other business discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark A. Penecale
Director of Planning & Zoning
Springfield Township