SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES April 6, 2021

The Springfield Township Planning Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:04 P.M., by way of a Zoom Digital Broadcast. Present at the meeting were Mr. Gutowski, Ms. Murray, Mr. Sands, Mr. Devine and Mr. Quill. Also in attendance were Commissioner Baird Standish, Mr. Aaron Holly, Community Planner from Montgomery County Planning Commission and Mark Penecale, Director of Planning & Zoning.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Standish informed the Planning Commission that there was nothing to report at this time, due to the fact that the Commissioner's meetings would not take place until April 12th and April 14th.

New Business:

The Planning Commission started their review of the definitions section related to the on-site parking standards of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission started with the term {Addition} and ended the evening with a review of a term {Golf Course/Club}. The Planning Commission made use of the Use Chart and the listing of comments from the Solicitor's Office, prepared by Mr. Holly. The Planning Commission vetted the term {Commercial School} and discussed the differences between a school of dance or a karate studio vs. an elementary school, middle school or high school. The definition of a {Fast Food Restaurant} was discussed, with attention being given to those establishments with drive-thru lanes. The term {Floor Area} was discussed as it relates to gross leasable floor area that was used in many of the parking counts. The definition of a Funeral Home and Galley/Museum were discussed with revisions being made to each term. The term Golf Course vs Country Club was discussed with the Planning Commission committing to revisiting this topic at our next meeting. Mr. Gutowski served as Chairperson for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

The Planning Commission will meet again on April 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark A. Penecale
Director of Planning & Zoning