

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 6, 2021**

The Springfield Township Planning Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:01 P.M., in the Boardroom of the Springfield Township Administration Building, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038. Present at the meeting were Ms. Helwig, Ms. Murray, Mr. Devine, Mr. Gutowski, Mr. Sands, Mr. Schaefer 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 June 1, 2021 meeting were approved with several revisions.

**Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Standish informed the Planning Commission that the owner of 7914 Church Road, Wyndmoor, Pa 19038, has withdrawn the Zoning Hearing Board application filed to allow the property to be used as a sober living house for as many as 23 occupants. No information was available as to why the application has been withdrawn.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:**

Ms. Joy Bergey, Vice Chairperson of the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Commission presented the Planning Commission an in depth overview on alternative energy uses with the main focus being on use of solar equipment. A handout published by Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission was made available to the Planning Commission members for their review. Ms. Bergey worked from a nine slide power point presentation that addressed the goals and objectives of the Environmental Advisory Commission and need to consider revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and the permit submission process to aide in the installation of solar systems throughout Springfield Township. Mr. Ronald Celentano, who Ms. Bergey described as an expert in solar energy was also present in the event that the Planning Commission had any questions that she could not answer. Several of the Planning Commission members spoke in favor of working with the Environmental Advisory Commission to move this process forward, but did advise Ms. Bergey that any involvement the Planning Commission would have in a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance must be at the directive of the Board of Commissioners.

The Planning Commission reviewed both Section 900 and Section 1000 of the Montgomery County's Model Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Section 900, Administration, Fees & Enforcement was reviewed by the Township Solicitor's Office and the Planning Commission elected to amend the draft as per the Solicitor's comment. Section 1000, Amendment Procedures, was also reviewed by the Township Solicitor's Office and the Planning Commission elected to amend the draft as per the Solicitor's comment.

Mr. Aaron Holly provided the Planning Commission an updated progress report of the review of the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance.

The Planning Commission elected to cancel their meetings scheduled for July 20, 2021 and on August 3, 2021. That schedule change will be advertised by Mr. Penecale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

The Planning Commission will meet again on August 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mark A. Penecale  
Director of Planning & Zoning