

Columbia Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 11, 2017

Columbia Township Hall

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 pm by Al Barren

Roll Call - Al Barren (Chairman), Richard Curtis (Secretary), Kathy Curtis (Board Representative) absent, Marcia Lukens, Tom Fry, Linda Miller, and Beverly Sherrer.

Motion to approve the Agenda; the motion was made deleting the Public Hearing due to improper display of review materials. Made by Tom Fry, seconded by Richard Curtis. All yes.

Motion to Approve the September 13 Minutes: Moved by Tom Fry, seconded by Marcia Lukens. All yes.

Communications – Pat Hudson, Zoning Administrator, reported that he had approved \$115,000 of new construction permits last month. There were 4 permits for 2 homes and 2 additions. There will also be a Special Use permit for large signs over 32 square feet by Family Dollar.

Unfinished Business – Motion was made to schedule Public Hearings for the Master Plan Revisions, Farm Market Alcohol Sales Zoning Ordinance changes, and Solar Energy ordinance changes at the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting on November 8. Made by Richard Curtis, seconded by Tom Fry. 4 yes and 2 no by Linda Miller and Beverly Scherrer.

Public Comment - Phil Shrank – Wanted to know when the Medical Marihuana Survey would be tabulated. It will be started by the Township Secretary tomorrow.

Commission Comments – Linda Miller questioned whether the notices and agendas to commission member could be sent out as a group or whether they should be sent out individually as indicated by the Township Supervisor. The Open Meetings Act seems to mandate that they be sent out individually. It was agreed that it was more expedient to send them out as a group so long as no attempt to subvert the quorum principal was made. Ken Speicher (public) agreed. For the time being, the agendas will be sent out individually.

Al Barren handed out copies of the By Laws for the Planning Commission and requested that members of the PC be ready to review them in 2 months. He thanked Beverly Sherrer for her work.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn. Made by Marcia Lukens and seconded by Tom Fry. All yes.

Adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes by Richard Curtis, Secretary