

PALMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
PALMER LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

The reorganizational meeting of the Palmer Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice Chairman Bob Blanchfield, and members Virginia Rickert, Ron Grandinetti and Jo-Ann Stoneback. Also present were Planning Director Cyndie Carman and Engineer Ralph Russek. Vice Chairman Blanchfield opened the meeting by leading all those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of Public Meeting of November, 2012 – On motion by Rickert, seconded by Grandinetti, and agreed by all, the minutes were approved as written.

Blanchfield then turned the meeting over to Temporary Chairman Dave Colver who called for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2013 year.

On motion by Stoneback, seconded by Rickert, and agreed by all, Richard Wilkins was nominated for Chairman. Nominations were closed on motion by Rickert, seconded by Grandinetti and agreed by all, and Richard Wilkins was declared Chairman for 2013.

On motion by Rickert, seconded by Stoneback, and agreed by all, Robert Blanchfield was nominated for Vice Chairman. Nominations were closed on motion by Rickert, seconded by Grandinetti, and agreed by all, and Robert Blanchfield was declared Vice Chairman for 2013.

Colver then turned the meeting over to newly appointed Vice Chairman Robert Blanchfield who called for nominations for Secretary.

On motion by Rickert, seconded by Stoneback, and agreed by all, Diane Grube was nominated as Secretary. Nominations were closed on motion by Rickert, seconded by Grandinetti, and agreed by all, and Diane Grube was declared Secretary for 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fluortek, Inc. – Parking Lot Expansion
12 McFadden Road
Site Plan
PO/IP District
Request by Fluortek, Inc.

Mr. John Hilburn, Chief Operating Officer was present with his architect David Drake to discuss their plan for expanding their parking lot. This would consist of an additional 58 spaces due to the fact of adding on additional employees and overlapping of shifts. There were a few issues by the township engineer but they have been worked out and Russek stated the Pidcock Company recommends approval of this plan. The township is waiting for review comments by their geotechnical engineers as well as the lighting consultant. Carman stated she will have them by the time this plan goes before the Board of Supervisors. Also the Northampton County

Conservation District's letter is slated to arrive in a few days. Carman also stated that any recommendation this Commission gave would be directed to the Zoning Officer and also the Board of Supervisors. Blanchfield asked if there were any further comments by any Commission members or audience. Seeing none he called for a vote. On motion by Rickert, seconded by Grandinetti, and agreed by all, the Commission recommended approval conditioned that the comments of the township engineer's letter dated February 8, 2013 are satisfactorily addressed; the proposed lighting plan is found to be acceptable by the township's lighting consultant and that the proposed storm water management plan is found to be acceptable by the township's geotechnical engineer.

2. Transit Supportive Development Presented by LANTA

Mr. Owen O'Neil, Planning Director of LANTA stated they are visiting area municipalities and making their presentation to show how municipalities can make developments more feasible for transit. He showed various intersections in the township and then showed modules of them with curbing/sidewalk and walkways for pedestrian traffic. LANTA is suggesting to municipalities to require new developments/industrial parks to have safer walking paths, shelters, as well as roadway crossings, to bus stops. They understand that this is a very large undertaking for municipalities. Everyone stated this was a very good idea and we are always talking about bike paths, why not transit travel since this is an up and coming thing. Carman stated that this was considered when the township wrote the North End zoning ordinance. Colver stated this is all good and very interesting but stated the funding would be extremely difficult to get and the roads that they showed and discussed are all state roads and that it would be very difficult to get any type of approval from them to upgrade intersections. Commission thanked Mr. O'Neil for his informative presentation.

Planning Director's Comments – Carman presented the 2012 Annual Report and stated that it would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission was pleased with the report.

Public Comment – None.

On motion by Rickert, seconded by Stoneback, and agreed by all, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Diane Grube, Secretary