

**PALMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM
PALMER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY – COMMUNITY ROOM
1 WELLER PLACE**

The March meeting of the Palmer Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Robert Blanchfield (Chairman), Robert Lammi (Vice-Chairman), Tom Grube, Ron Grandinetti and Rich Wilkins. Also in attendance were Planning Director Cyndie Carman, Solicitor Ryan Fields, and Engineer Ralph Russek. Chairman Blanchfield opened the meeting by leading those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

1. Minutes of Public Meeting of January 2015

On motion by Lammi, seconded by Grube, and agreed by all, the minutes of the January 2015 meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Blanchfield asked about a date for the Freemansburg Avenue. Carman replied that she hoped to be able to plan something for May.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael and Karen Miller, 2310 Newlins Mill Road, were present to discuss the Newlins Mill Road Industrial Facility plan, which was removed from the agenda. Blanchfield invited them to address their concerns with the Commission. The Millers' property adjoins the subject property. They stated they had three main concerns: lighting, landscaping and noise. The owners of the Majestic facility on the opposite side of them had worked well with them to try to address these issues and they hope these developers are willing to do the same. Blanchfield asked when we expected the plans to be back on the agenda. Carman replied that they would be resubmitting for the April meeting. Lammi said he hopes the engineers take advantage of the opportunity to work with Pidcock to refine the plans.

2. "Lehigh Valley – Past – Present – Future"

Lammi gave a presentation he had prepared, based on data from a Lehigh Valley Planning Commission study on sustainable communities. He highlighted LVPC's new Profile + Trends publication.

PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS

3. LVPC Regional Housing Plan

Carman explained that this was a plan put together by LVPC regarding housing trends in the Lehigh Valley. She encouraged the Commission members to read the Executive Summary that was distributed as it discusses important issues that we may need to consider for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion by Grube, seconded by Wilkins, and agreed by all.

By: Cyndie Carman, Planning Director