

PALMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
PALMER LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Members Virginia Rickert, Ron Grandinetti, Tom Grube, and Chris Briglia; Engineer Ralph Russek and Supervisor Robert Lammi were also present. Member Grube opened the meeting by leading those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES OF JULY 2013 MEETING – On motion by Grandinetti, seconded by Briglia, and agreed by all, the minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Inge Lot Line Adjustment Plan
3420 & 3442 Nazareth Road
LDR District & Route 248 Overlay District

Dr. Inge was present along with his engineer David Boyer of Pennoni Associates. Also present was William Dohe of R & D Architecture. This plan proposes the adjustment of a boundary between two existing lots, one of which is an active dentist's office. They are proposing an addition to the dentist's office. The engineer's comments were reviewed and the one issue was the showing of the right-of-way as they are not intending to dedicate any property. He was informed to put the note on the plan for informational purposes. Sight triangles should also be shown for the existing driveways. Planning Director's comment were reviewed and the ordinance for the Route 248 Overlay states that sidewalks shall be provided for buildings that are expanded by 10% of the square footage or more.. There being no further questions or comments Grube called for a vote. On motion by Grandinetti, seconded by Rickert, and agreed by all, the Commission recommended final approval by the Board of Supervisors conditioned that all comments of the Township Engineer's letter dated August 9, 2013 are satisfactorily addressed as well as all Township department comments dated August 9, 2013.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

2. Bushkill Creek Conservancy Ordinance – This information was provided for reference. The Bushkill Creek Conservancy has reviewed our ordinances to see how they relate to the creek area as far as storm water runoff and buffers and they had some suggestions for revisions. Carman encouraged the members to review the material as it may be back before them for changes to the ordinances.

3. Northampton County Fair Housing Ordinance Assessment – This information was also provided for reference. Our ordinances were reviewed as they relate to access to housing for low income and/or special needs residents. Carman encouraged the members to review the material for future reference. Lammi added that this assessment was done under a grant that was received from HUD and has been done for all municipalities in the Lehigh Valley.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion by Briglia, seconded by Grandinetti and agreed by all the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Diane Grube, Secretary