

Maidencreek Township Planning Commission
Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Commission Members in attendance: James Schoellkopf, Jr., David Anspach and Brad Pflum.
Members Absent: Joel High and Matt Davenport

Staff Members in attendance: Gene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Office, Diane Hollenbach Township Manager and Shannon Daly-Recording Secretary

Also in attendance: Ed Kopicki, Systems Design Engineering, Inc.

James Schoellkopf, Jr. asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the Maidencreek Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by James Schoellkopf, Jr., to approve the agenda for the Maidencreek Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting. David Anspach seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Brad Pflum to accept the prior meeting minutes as presented. David Anspach seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS – None

BUSINESS –

- a.) **ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE** – Wireless Communications Facilities. Discussion took place regarding various wireless communication towers and placements.
- b.) **COUNTY OF BERKS PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW LETTER** – Recommendations were addressed individually.
 - ITEM 4 – Changes have been made to reflect the recommendation on pages 12, 164 and 165.
 - ITEM 5 – Was changed to reflect recommendation.
 - ITEM 6 – Was changed to reflect recommendation.
 - ITEM 7 – Included Bed and Breakfast.
 - ITEM 10 – Made them consistent.
 - ITEMS 11 & 12 – Was changed to reflect recommendation.
 - ITEM 13 – Left up to Supervisors. County is recommending a limit of 5 acres.
 - ITEM 15 – Cross out the word “non” on the chart.
 - ITEM 16 – Crossed out the word “pubic”.
 - ITEM 19 – Was added.
 - ITEM 22 – Last sentence was deleted.

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- ITEM 24 – Make it 100 feet for industrial/residential.
- ITEM 26 – Was changed to reflect recommendation.
- ITEM 27 – Changed to maximum.
- ITEM 28 – Changed to include it in the CR district.
- ITEM 29 – Changed to “per unit”.
- ITEM 30 – Took out sentence.
- ITEM 32 – Made wording consistent.
- ITEMS 33 and 34 – Refer to cell tower ordinance. Pg. 13, part D. Restrict them to certain areas or zones. Rt. 222 & Park Road. Suggested to be a certain distance from residential property lines.
- ITEM 35 – Was resolved.
- ITEM 36 – Corrected to a comma.
- ITEM 37 – Ask Bruce to take another look at this to try and simplify the concept.
- ITEM 39 – Included on page 196.

Diane Hollenbach commented that the Planning Commission was ready to adopt all of these recommendations and then in 2010 Supervisor Timpe derailed the effort because he felt the township should not be regulating any of this and that’s where it died. Further discussion on these recommendations continued. All members were asked to review the recommendations.

- c.) **MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT** – Diane Hollenbach commented that Mr. Whaling from Maiden creek Township is interested in growing, dispensing and manufacturing marijuana and hemp. It was further discussed that the appropriate zoning district for a marijuana dispensary would be commercial. Growing marijuana would be considered agricultural and SIA zoning.

ADJOURNMENT - Having no other business, a motion was made by Brad Pflum to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by David Anspach. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon L. Daly, Secretary