

TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2022

The August 2022 Joint Special Meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Planning Commission (“Commission”) and Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors (“Supervisors”) was held on August 11, 2022, via the platform GoToMeeting as well as in person at the Government Center Building due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present are Marlin “Sam” Keiper, Rachel Schickling, Edwin Miller Al Kerrick. Also present are Board of Supervisors: John Kerrick, Brendon Carroll, Rachel Schickling, and Joseph Colyer; Township Manager, Robert Bartal, Zoning Officer, Lourdes Aponte, and Township Engineer, Bob McHale and Township Solicitor Harry Coleman, Esquire. Michelle Bisbing and David Carbone were not present.

1. Sam Keiper calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM for the Planning Commission and asks that John Kerrick to call the meeting to order for the Board of Supervisors. John called to order the special meeting. A quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Old Business
 - a. Active Applications
 - i. Dunne Manning – David Lear from Lehigh Engineering is present to give an update on the Dunne Manne project.

Mr. Lear states that they were at the Planning Commission meeting last week and the Planning Commission recommended conditional approval

Mr. Lear states that they agree with all the conditions in Mr. McHale’s letter. They have the sewer module in, and it was voted by the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission to send it to DEP.

Ms. Aponte asked about the non-conforming certificates. Mr. Lear stated that he is working with Mr. Fogerty on this. There are 4 non-conforming certificates that they requested; one was approved. The 3 non-conforming certificates are for a pylon sign, landscape sign and the canopy.

Mr. John Kerrick entertains a motion for the preliminary/final land development plan for the lands of Dunne Manning Realty, LP be approved subject to the applicant’s satisfactory response to Robert J. McHale, P.E.’s letter of July 28, 2022. Mr. Colyer makes the motion. Mr. Carroll seconds. All in favor. 4-0. Motion carries.

4. Review of Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Mr. Keiper states that we received in our packets several items, one of this is a power point presentation that shows the process. Ms. Canfield states that the intent is to go through the power point and then review the ordinance revision suggestions. The power point is intended to highlight the specific changes we are looking for. A discussion was held.

Ms. Canfield states that they want to point out the two main goals of what we are trying to accomplish. Ms. Canfield states that we would like to change the land development definition in our land development ordinance and allow for exclusions the MPC provides. Ms. Canfield states that the staff is very happy to hear that we are undertaking the ordinance amendment. Ms. Aponte, Mr. McHale, and Ms. Canfield agree as well as staff members that an interim change can be made because they feel those 2 specific items would have an impact.

Ms. Canfield presented that power point, and a discussion was held.

Mr. John Kerrick entertained a motion that the Board of Supervisors forward these suggested changes in a draft ordinance form to the Monroe County Planning Commission and the Tobyhanna Township Planning Commission to review. Mr. Carroll makes the motion. Mr. Colyer seconds. All in favor. 4-0. Motion carries.

5. Open Discussion: Mr. John Kerrick asks if in the MPC does it state anywhere that you must bond 110%. A discussion was held.

Ms. Canfield asks about setting up a sub-committee as there was some confusion. Mr. John Kerrick states that we should get letters of interest as to who wants to be on it to the Board and they will make a decision.

6. Public Comment: None

Mr. Keiper entertains a motion for adjournment. Mr. Miller motions to adjourn, Mr. Al Kerrick seconds. Vote carries 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Bethanne Eisler