**READING TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMMISSION MEETING**

October 2, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Reading Township Planning Commission was held at the Reading Township Municipal Building and called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Bill Bowen. Planning Commission members in attendance were Donald Godfrey, Gerald Shank and Dana Shuman with Chairman Bowen presiding.

Others in attendance included Susan J. Smith, Solicitor, Trey Elrod, Township Engineer with Gordon Brown and Associates, Andrew Merkel of Adams County Planning & Development, Garry Myers, Harold & Rebecca Ruppert, Vernon & Karen Greer, David & Edie Kramer, Kim & Mike Weigand as well as Board Supervisor, Kevin Holtzinger.

A motion to accept the September 6, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes was made by Jerry Shank, Don Godfrey seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Bowen opened up the meeting to Public Comments. David Kramer, resident at 36 McClellan Dr. stood before the room and stated that he is opposed to granting a variance for the property at 2940 Stoney Point Rd. Solicitor Smith advised that this is not the Board to bring this concern before. Mr. Kramer said he would like for this committee to pass it on to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Harold Ruppert of 2735 East Berlin Rd. stated that he has heard there is a development being proposed on Peepytown Rd. He stated that the farmer who currently owns the land has no respect for the surrounding properties. “The farmer” allowed someone to shoot on the property previously and the shots were too close to other properties. He does not feel that it is right that “this farmer” can hold an office in the Township and use his office to make further gain. He compared “the farmer” to Mr. Biden.

Vernon Greer, resident at 270 Stoney Point Rd. stated that he felt there was a violation of the Sunshine Act. Mr. Greer stated that the September Planning Commission meeting was not advertised properly to be held on Wednesday, September 6th, instead of the 1st Monday of the month. The calendar on the Township Website showed the date of the September PC meeting as being September 4, 2023. This was an error, due to the Holiday. The staff let Mr. Greer know that the dates were publicized at the beginning of the year in the newspaper. Mr. Greer stated that this is the 21st century and he felt that if the Township is going to publicize the date of the meeting on the Township website, someone should make sure the date is correct.

 **PLANNING DISCUSSION**

Andrew Merkel was present to discuss changes to Zoning text for the Commercial/Industrial District. This discussion will continue at the October 23rd Planning Workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dana Shuman at 8:24 pm, Jerry Shank seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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