

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
7644 Durham Rd., Whitehall 49461
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 1800 by Sharon Sikkenga, Chairperson.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Planning Commission Members Present: Kathy Dusseau, Connie Bonner, Carmen Rodriguez, Amy Rusin, Sharon Sikkenga, and Tom Zmolek. Absent: Angel Quinn. Also present: Arnie Erb, Supervisor and Joyce Moehlman.
- IV. Agenda Approval
 - a. Motion made by Rodriguez and supported by Rusin to approve agenda as written. Motion carried.
 - b. Zmolek queried point of order whether the Chairperson should request yeas/nays following support of a motion. The Commissioners agreed this should be explored for proper rules of order.
- V. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2024
 - a. Motion by Dusseau to approve meeting minutes from January 3, 2024, as submitted and support by Rodriguez. Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comment – none
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Solar Ordinance Review Township ordinance. Feedback from the Township's Lawyer recommended to moratorium at this time as the State's bill would supersede the Township's ordinance.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Discussion for Master Plan Review. Clarification on the Master Plan and Land Use Plan was provided by Erb.
 - b. Erb informed the Recreation Plan was updated about a year ago and the DNR was requesting an amendment.
 - c. Sikkenga noted the Master Plan drives the Land Use Plan to accommodate the needs of the community.

- d. Erb will have the Township website updated to provide access to the Land Use Plan and the Master Plan. Sikkenga will forward the Commissioners the link to the documents once it is received.
- e. Dusseau suggested Hilt's Landing and the lease to Whitehall District Schools be included in the Master Plan along with the parcels of the Conservation District. Dusseau also reminded current plans are required for grant requests for the Township. Erb noted the insurance companies also want to see current plans.

IX. Correspondence

- a. Moehlman requested and was provided with copies of the most recent plans.

X. Announcements

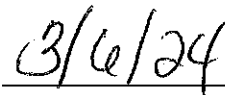
- a. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- b. Erb expressed his appreciated to the Commissioners for all their time and hard work.
- c. Dusseau suggested after the Master Plan is updated, the Commissioners should work on updating the ordinances. Zmolek inquired on this process. Erb explained any updates would go to the Township Board for approval, then to the County for additional approval.

XI. Adjournment

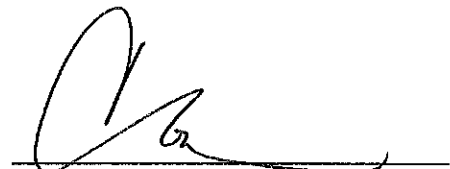
- a. Motion was made by Dusseau and supported by Zmolek to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1835.



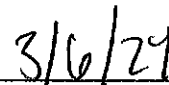
Sharon Sikkenga, Chairperson



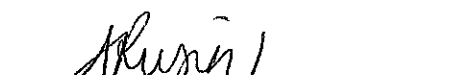
Date



Carmen Rodriguez, Vice-chairperson



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Amy Rusin, Secretary



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