Liberty Township, Adams County 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 Planning Commission Monthly Meeting

April 15, 2025

The Planning Commission of Liberty Township, Adams County, met on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, for the regular monthly meeting.

<u>Present</u>: Rich Luquette, Chair; Luther Ridge, Vice Chair; Barb Ruppert, Secretary; Ken Farabaugh; Beatrice Bowman; Dominic Picarelli, KPI

Not Present: Judie Hogan, Alternate

Rich Luquette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Township Supervisor Bobby Keilholtz

<u>Minutes:</u> Ken Farabaugh motioned to approve the March 18 minutes, and Luther Ridge seconded the motion. The March 18 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Comments:

None

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Southwest Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

The county has not had further action yet on the Southwest Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan update.

Review SALDO and Zoning Ordinances

The supervisors would like each Planning Commission member to take a part of the ordinances they highlighted, research it and bring back recommendations. The goal is to ensure township zoning is up to date and proactive, including items such as solar farms, small wireless facilities, data storage centers and megawarehouses, in addition to standards for the residential items mentioned at the last meeting. Minor revisions to the SALDO may also be needed.

Dominic Picarelli suggested the PC begin holding a zoning committee workshop before each regular meeting for the next 2 to 3 months to discuss these and other big-picture items. The Planning Commission decided they will look at short-term rentals, ADUs and multifamily housing in the May workshop, which will be held from 6:30–7:30 p.m. before the regular May meeting.

New Business:

Review and Comment on Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Rich Luquette had one correction: Add section 350-458 (not 457) in Solar. Doublecheck all number references in document to be sure all line up.

Beatrice Bowman motioned to recommend approval of the amendment with the correction from 457 to 458. Luther Ridge seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

At 8:27 p.m., Ken Farabaugh moved to adjourn the meeting, and Barb Ruppert seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 7:30 p.m. This is Primary Election Day, so the meeting date will need to change.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ruppert

Planning Commission Secretary

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