

The Plainfield Township EAC meeting was held on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building.

EAC members in attendance were: EAC Chairman Terry Kleintop, Vice Chairman Robin Dingle, Robert Cornman, Robert Simpson, and Don Moore. Also in attendance were Mike Kukles, Ott Consulting Inc., and Paul Levits, Planning Commission Chairman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chairman.

MINUTES:

Bob Cornman made a motion to approve the previously distributed draft minutes of the 17 February, 2015, meeting. The motion was seconded by Don Moore. Motion passed 5 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Kleintop provided an overview on the current Plainfield Township ordinances dealing with nuisances and the history on the current draft ordinance prepared by Solicitor Backenstoe with changes by the Zoning Officer and the Building Inspector.

Terry advised that Solicitor Backenstoe is currently revising his prior draft of the nuisance ordinance and it was decided that no further work would be done on this ordinance by the EAC until the revised draft is received from the Backenstoe.

There was agreement that the EAC should complete the work on the nuisance ordinances; however, future zoning ordinance changes should start with the Planning Commission and move on from there.

A general discussion was held with regard to transitional buffer ordinances with the EAC members and Paul Levits from the audience. It was decided to have this matter addressed by the Planning Commission rather than the EAC. It was suggested that Mike Kukles bring the plans for Mint Brook Farms 1 to the next Planning Commission meeting to be used in the buffer yard discussions.

Chairman Kleintop provided an update on the Little Bushkill Creek as detailed in the agenda for the 26 March EAC meeting agenda. This project will be administered by either Thomas Petrucci or Robin Dingle. Chairman Kleintop will check with Thomas Petrucci to determine if the ELM Group has an executed contract.

Mike Kukles wants to finalize the list of pipe ends by the 2 April EAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the need for the Township to have a copy of the conservation plans for those properties that are targeted for corrective action as part of the 2014 DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant. A motion was made by Robin Dingle and seconded by Bob Simpson to request that the BOS send a letter to Peter Zakanycz and Lisa-Jon Trinidad at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) requesting that copies of the conservation plans for the Donald Knitter, Richard Lieberman, Henry Achenbach, Mark

Taylor and Sean Stuber properties which are targeted for corrective action as part of the 2014 DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant be sent to Plainfield Township. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Chairman Kleintop raised the issue of the Plainfield Township farmland preservation maps not being up to date. A motion was made by Robin Dingle and seconded by Don Moore to send a letter to the BOS requesting authorization for Ott Engineering to update the farmland preservation maps and to include the six 2014 farms that are scheduled to close in 2015. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Chairman Kleintop reported on the 2015 allocation of funds for the Farmland Preservation Program as detailed in the 26 March, 1015, EAC agenda. The current plan is not consistent with the procedure followed in the prior years of 2011 – 2014. A motion was made by Robin Dingle and seconded by Bob Simpson that the BOS direct Township Manager, Thomas Petrucci, and EAC Chairman, Terry Kleintop, to write a strong letter to the Northampton County Farmland Preservation Board of Directors expressing the Township's disappointment with the Board's current plan to distribute matching funds which deviate from their past practice and are not in agreement with the per dollar match calculated utilizing the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation 2015 Allocation of Funds Report. Motion passed 5 – 0.

The next EAC meeting will be held on 2 April, 2015, at the Plainfield Township Building.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Bob Cornman made a motion seconded by Bob Simpson to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Respectively Submitted

Robert E. Cornman
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