Minutes Strasburg Township Planning Commission February 12, 2018

The Strasburg Township Planning Commission (PC) held their regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Janice Bowermaster, John Fisher, Gloria Folker, June Mengel, Bill Potter and Bob Sangrey.

Guests: Charlie and Brittany Allen, Lloyd Reiff, Kent Weaver, Gwen Newell, Porter Stevens.

The PC welcomed their new member Bob Sangrey.

Public comment was invited. Newell introduced Stevens as the Township's new planner.

On a motion by Potter/Bowermaster, the PC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018 as submitted.

Weaver, Harbor Engineering, appeared to present CU 2018-01 application of the Allen's:

- The Allen's propose to erect a detached, single-family dwelling (SFD) and a barn on land zoned Ag
- The parcel is currently vacant and located on Weaver Road
- The proposed SFD is located near other existing dwellings
- The site was tested for on-lot sewage disposal
- There is an existing well
- Storm water management testing has been performed
 - 1. The proposed SFD and barn will drain into a seepage bed
 - 2. The proposed driveway will drain into 2 others
- The Highway Occupancy Permit has been approved
- Approximately 3.5 acres will be fenced as pasture

Reiff had concerns about storm water runoff. He has lived at the neighboring property for 40 years and has had runoff problems for most of them. Since it will be a dwelling rather than an Ag use, he would like to have as much of that problem corrected as possible. He requested that a swale be constructed as a diversion. The PC commented water cannot be diverted onto the roadway. Mengel and Fisher suggested using a swale/detention area to decrease the seepage bed size and costs for the buildings. The Allen's suggested planting a double tree line along that side. Newell commented the trees would help with storm water. Weaver commented the storm water management plan will decrease the runoff as well.

On a motion by Fisher/Potter, the PC voted unanimously to forward the conditional use application to the Supervisors with a recommendation to approve on condition all comments in the Solanco Engineering letter of January 23, 2018 are satisfied.

The PC spoke with Newell and Stevens about holding workshop/training sessions as both a refresher course for experienced members and orientation for new members. Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. was selected for the first workshop.

There being no further business before the PC, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Judith Willig Recording Secretary