Minutes Strasburg Township Planning Commission January 11, 2021

The Strasburg Township Planning Commission (PC) held their organization and regular meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Refton Community Fire Company, 99 Church Street, Refton. Present were John Fisher, June Mengel, Bill Potter and Joshua Weaver.

On a motion by Fisher/Mengel, the PC voted unanimously to nominate and elect Potter as Chairman.

On a motion by Mengel/Potter, the PC voted unanimously to nominate and elect Fisher as Vice-Chairman

On a motion by Potter/Mengel, the Board voted unanimously to select the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Refton Community Fire Company as the place, time and location for their meetings.

On a motion by Mengel/Fisher, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Willig as the Recording Secretary.

On a motion by Potter/Fisher, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Willig as a designated signatory for documents.

Guests: Robert Sangrey, Cindy Welk, Brian Masterson, Jason Shaner.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public comment was invited. Sangrey appeared to advise the PC he will be moving to a position on the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) effective immediately at the request of the Supervisors. He enjoyed his time on the PC and expressed appreciation for the other members. Potter thanked him for his service, wished him well and added he will be a valuable addition to the ZHB. Potter also welcomed new member Weaver and proposed new member Welk.

On a motion by Fisher/Mengel, the PC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020 as submitted.

Shaner appeared to present plan PC2020-03 for 550 Bunker Hill Road, Scenic Trails LLC.

- The property was purchased in 2019 from the Ware estate
- Most of the land is vacant
- Zoned AG
- There are 4 existing and one adjoining lot included in the plan
- The final result of the add-ons will be 3 lots with the following acreage:
 - Lot A 37 acres
 - Lot B 11.5 acres which includes the existing dwelling and outbuildings
 - Lot C 33 acres
- A ZHB decision granting variances for the subdivisions was rendered on September 15, 2020

- The plan is a compromise between the Township and the property owners
- Mengel had a question about who the grantee for the conservation easement would be.
 That could not be ascertained at the time.

On a motion by Mengel/Fisher, the PC voted unanimously to forward the plan to the Supervisors with a recommendation to approve on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering letter dated 12/14/20 are satisfied.

Masterson appeared to present plan PC2020-04 for 1250 Penn Grant Road, Samuel Lapp.

- The parent tract, Lot #1, is 100 acres+/-
- 5 acres is proposed to be added to Lot #2
- Lot #1 is zoned AG
- Lot #2 is zoned RR

On a motion by Mengel/Fisher, the PC voted unanimously to forward the plan to the Supervisors with a recommendation to approve on condition all comments of Solanco Engineering letter dated 12/22/20 are satisfied.

Potter and Fisher reported a meeting with the Supervisors on 1/4/21. The Supervisors had expressed appreciation for the PC efforts and had recommended the PC request a Supervisors presence at one of their meetings when additional input would be welcome.

Willig mentioned planning courses offered by PMPEI and asked if any members would be interested in such training. All members expressed interest. Willig will start a conversation with neighboring townships to coordinate a class series later in the year when in-person instruction may be available again.

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

Judith Willig Recording Secretary