

Minutes
Strasburg Township Planning Commission
February 8, 2016

The Strasburg Township Planning Commission (PC) held their regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Jonathan Chappell, Gloria Folker, Christina Kruger, June Mengel and Bill Potter.

Guests: Mark Deimler, Allen Gruver, Robert Sangrey, Gwen Newell

Public comment was invited. Gruver introduced himself to the PC.

On a motion by Folker/Potter, the PC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016 as submitted.

The PC assisted by Deimler and Newell reviewed the following proposed zoning ordinance changes:

Kennels:

- 20 acres is currently required
- By lowering to 5-10 acres, the Township could conceivably capture more existing breeders and bring them into compliance
- Most breeders are under 50 puppies per year
- Most have 3-4 breeding females
- An annual registration and inspection fee is proposed to off-set the costs associated with enforcement
- A separate holding tank for waste disposal and pumping records is proposed
- Establish a program with procedures and documents for ease of execution and compliance

The PC will consider acreage requirements, waste management/disposal and setbacks for the March 14th meeting.

Horses:

- Is 1 acre requirement too restrictive?
- Waste storage/disposal is a major issue
- Drumore Township allows 2 driving horses per parcel by-right
- Bart and Sadsbury recently reviewed and propose 2 driving horses by-right on any lot up to 2 acres

The PC requested more information on driving horses and will resume discussion at the March 14th meeting.

There being no further business before the PC, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Judith Willig
Recording Secretary