

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2016**

The monthly meeting of the Rockland Township Planning Commission was held on January 26, 2016 beginning at 7:30PM. The following members of the Planning Commission were present: Herb Meadway, Richard Mazich, Nathan Roush, Nancy Ogden and Bill McFadden. Also in attendance were Attorney Alfred Crump (Township Solicitor) and interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Herb Meadway.

The minutes of the December 29, 2015 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Bill McFadden, seconded by Richard Mazich, the minutes of the December 29, 2015 Planning Commission meeting were approved as presented. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to the Township Solicitor to open the nominations for Chairman of the Planning Commission.

The Solicitor opened the nominations for Chairman. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Bill McFadden, Richard Mazich was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Planning Commission. There was no public comment, and there were no other nominations. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All were in favor of Richard Mazich to serve as Chairman. Motion carried.

The Solicitor opened the nominations for Vice Chairman. On a motion by Richard Mazich, seconded by Nathan Roush, Herb Meadway was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. There was no public comment, and there were no other nominations. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All were in favor of Herb Meadway to serve as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

The Solicitor opened the nominations for Secretary. On a motion by Herb Meadway, seconded by Richard Mazich, Karen Krall was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Planning Commission. There was no public comment, and there were no other nominations. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All were in favor of Karen Krall to serve as Secretary. Motion carried.

The Solicitor turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman, Herb Meadway.

Mr. Stanley Degler requested to speak to the Planning Commission regarding 23 Hill Road. The property consists of 5.23 acres which is land locked. According to Mr. Degler, he would like to sell the property, but before doing so, would like to address the access issue. Mr. Degler informed the Planning Commission that has contacted the adjoining property owner to attempt to gain access to his property via Hill Road (either via an easement or actual land purchase). The location of a driveway to access the 23 Hill Road property from Hill Road is also further complicated due to a stream and possibly springs located in the area. The Planning Commission recommended Mr. Degler contact the Berks County Conservation District to inquire about any required permits (from DEP, possible NPDES permit, etc.) and also suggested he consider hiring an engineer/surveyor/consultant.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard J. & Carol A. Blair Subdivision – Five Points Road – The Township received a review letter from the Berks County Planning Commission dated December 29, 2015. The Township Engineer's review letter dated January 22, 2016 was also received. On a motion by Nathan Roush, seconded by Bill McFadden, the Richard J. & Carol A. Blair Subdivision plan was tabled until next month. There was no public comment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM on a motion by Richard Mazich, seconded by Nancy Ogden. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall
Secretary