

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 2, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chair, Donna Romanak, at 6:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call: Joe Wooding, Donna Bell, Rick Leland, Tina Loomis, Jill Sanborn, Donna Romanak, Georgette Peterson All Present

Others Present: Scott Graham (Township Attorney), Lorraine Crandall (Resident), Annie Davidson-Funke (Resident)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Georgette Peterson with support from Jill Sanborn. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Donna Romanak asked for approval of December 1, 2021 minutes, with correction of one date from December 1, 2021 to 11/03/2021. All in favor. Minutes of 12/13/2021 table until next PC meeting in order for Commissioners to have copies.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Annie Funke recommended joint workshops with Board members when reviewing and revising zoning ordinances to minimize back and forth communications.

In addition, she commented on being aware of home sizes and changing zoning classifications.

She would also like to see new coherent short term rental policy and include regulations such as license, inspection, occupancy.

Planning Commission Bylaws

Donna Bell asked if the PC needed to be concerned with capital improvements. Attorney Graham stated the PC is exempt from capital improvements. Annie Funke provided MTA Sample Planning Commission Bylaws to the PC. Jill Sanborn will convert to WORD format so it can be edited.

Unanimous agreement by PC members to hold a Workshop on March 23, 2022 @ 6:00 PM at the Township Hall to Draft PC Bylaws to Recommend to the Township Board.

Township Zoning Ordinance Changes Attorney Graham recommended the starting point should be the Master Plan.

Township Master Plan Changes should be based on Resident input. The last Master Plan was based on a 2019 Survey that had a 29% response rate. The Commissioners agreed that a new Survey should be done. Discussion about obtaining donations from local business for lottery gift certificates to encourage response rate. A Planning Commission Workshop will be held on April 6, 2022 @ 6:00 PM to develop the Survey. PC members will talk with their neighbors to get a list of what is of importance to them.

Jill Sanborn offered to look at recent census data and report to the PC. Attorney Graham reminded the Commissioners that they can email ideas to each other but there cannot be back and forth communications which could violate the OMA.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Tina asked about Dragonfly's blackout screens saying it looks darker now. Donna Bell commented on the marijuana odor. Annie Funke stated Alfred University in New York is working on plants with less odor. Donna Bell asked what major source of income has come from the marijuana places. Annie Funke said it is tax revenue.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Georgette Peterson, Secretary