

PLANNING COMMISSION 2019

MEETING DATE: MARCH 20, 2019

Jim Reading called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Members of the Planning Commission in attendance were: Jim Reading, Morris Quigg, Eric Rahe, Barbara Cohen, Curtis English, Michael Bauer, and Michael Pellegrino. Current elected Board of Supervisors in attendance in the audience were J. Morrisson, M. Donovan, M. Majewski, and Susan Guerette.

The minutes from the January 16, 2019, meeting were approved with two minor grammatical edits. Changes were made and the minutes were revised.

The Planning Commission was asked by the Board of Supervisors to discuss repealing the Planned Residential Development Ordinance (PRD). Jim Reading stated that the Planning Commission spent a lot of time on the development of this ordinance and he questioned why the Board is considering repealing it. Susan Guerette responded that the Board can not discuss anything due to litigation involving a property that does not fit under the PRD ordinance. Barbara Cohen questioned why the Planning Commission is being asked to make a recommendation on something without having any information, presentations or facts. Barbara Cohen stated that they can not make an educated recommendation with nothing given to them. Susan Guerette apologized and stated that their solicitor advised they are not able to discuss anything. Bob Cooney, member of the audience, gave a brief history of the Reeves development to the Planning Commission and audience members. Bob Cooney questioned the Planning Commission if the PRD Ordinance was written specific to the Reeves property (930 Valley Forge Road). Jim Reading stated that as he recalled it was developed with that property in mind. Morris Quigg agreed. Mike Bauer stated that he recalled it was not made specifically for that property, however that property did meet the requirements of the PRD ordinance.

Curt English asked about other larger properties in the Township, if they were able to be developed under the PRD Ordinance. Many of the larger properties discussed were not in the R-1 district. Jim Morrisson brought up the Fernleigh/Valley Forge Woods development as an example of mixing single family homes and townhomes. Bob Cooney asked if Fernleigh was age targeted housing. Jim Morrisson responded that he did not think it was.

Michael Bauer and Eric Rahe both questioned why they were here and that they felt offended that their time and efforts as volunteers for the Planning Commission in developing the PRD Ordinance seems to have been wasted. Jim Reading stated that they don't have enough information to be able to make any recommendations to the Board. Martha Majewski stated she would speak with the solicitor and see what, if any, information could be provided to the Planning Commission. Mark Donovan stated that they did not have to make any decisions, and they could vote to not make a recommendation. They were here only following procedure and the Board of Supervisors ultimately has the final vote on repealing the ordinance. Barbara Cohen asked the Board of Supervisors to delay their vote for a month in order for the Planning Commission to receive and review information on why the ordinance should be repealed. Barbara Cohen made a motion to delay giving the Planning Commission's opinion until the next meeting on April 17, 2019. Morris Quigg seconded the motion. All approved.

With no further business to discuss, Barbara Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Reading seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Kimberly J. Yocom in blue ink.

Kimberly J. Yocom

Zoning Officer

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:30 pm.