

MINUTES
UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Township Municipal Building

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Falcone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: **Samantha Falcone, Chair**
 Gerry Anthony, Vice-Chair
 George Bloeser
 Bryan Macfarlane
 Antonio Roman

Staff Attending: **Trisha Lang, Secretary/Director of Community Development**
 Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
 Kevin Chimics, Township Engineer

Minutes

The minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting were not yet available for review.

Subdivision and Land Development Reviews

None.

Proposed Ordinance 145-A

Staff identified the intended revisions to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance set forth in proposed Ordinance 145-A. This amendment will revise the language of exclusion 3.b in the definition of ‘land development’ found in Section 108.C and amend Section 208, titled “Offer and Acceptance of Dedication” to add new Section 208.4 to establish developer obligations with respect to the repair and maintenance of streets, including snow and ice removal.

The solicitor identified the background that initiated the changes and the Commission discussed the applicability of the new regulations. By unanimous vote, the Commission recommended that the Ordinance be adopted as drafted.

Proposed Ordinance 141-K

Staff summarized the two minor revisions to the adopted Zoning Ordinance as set forth in proposed Ordinance 141-K. These revisions will modify the area and design requirements within the Suburban Residential (R-2) zoning district for single family detached dwellings with on-site sewer that were approved before the effective date of Ordinance 141. In addition, the proposed ordinance will modify Section 413 related to Beekeeping to eliminate the limitation on zoning districts in which such activity is permitted as an accessory use.

The solicitor elaborated on the events that led to the drafting of the amendments and the Commission again discussed which projects would be subject to such amended language. The Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the Ordinance be adopted as drafted.

Public Comment

Mr. Jani identified his concern and frustration with getting his project to the Commission for review. He outlined several steps he has taken to assure that his consultant had provided the required information in a timely manner and suggests there should be a more streamlined procedure. Mr. Jani was reminded of the need to address the comments from the Township Engineer issued on June 30th in order to be considered for placement on the next meeting agenda in September.

Environmental Advisory Council

No report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lang,
Secretary