

## **Planning Commission**

### **Membership**

The Planning Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, each of whom shall be a resident of the Township.

### **Term**

Each member serves a 4-year term. A member may be reappointed by the Board of Supervisors at the end of each term.

### **Regular Meeting Dates**

The annual meeting schedule is set by the Commission every January. Currently, the Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **Powers & Duties**

The Planning Commission powers and duties are defined by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). For a copy of the MPC, please contact the Township. Below is an outline of powers and duties of the Planning Commission:

1. At the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission shall be required to:
  - a) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the township, and present it for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.
  - b) Maintain and keep on file records of its action. All records and files of the Planning Commission shall be in the possession of the Board of Supervisors.
2. At the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission may:
  - a) Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
  - b) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on proposed amendments to it.
  - c) Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
  - d) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.

- e) Do such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Board of Supervisors and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- f) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors an environmental study.
- g) Submit to the Board of Supervisors a recommended capital improvements program.
- h) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a water survey, which shall be consistent with the State Water Plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
- i) Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
- j) Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- k) Hold public hearings and meetings.
- l) Present testimony before any board.
- m) Require from the Township such available information as relates to the work of the Planning Commission.
- n) In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and surveys with the consent of the owner.
- o) Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the Township.
- p) Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development, and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the comprehensive plan.

## **How to Apply for a Position on the Planning Commission**

Write a letter to the Board of Supervisors indicating your desire to serve on the Planning Commission and briefly explain why you would make a good member of this commission. Attach your resume to the letter and send it to:

Brody Bovero  
Township Manager  
8 Township Drive  
Cheyney, PA 19319

or via email: [bbovero@thornburytwp.com](mailto:bbovero@thornburytwp.com)