

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
GENERAL MEETING
January 12, 2009**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Jordan, Chairman
Arnie Maguire
Anne Connolly
Brooks Durham
Barbara Iacovelli
Peter DuFault
Steve Zippi

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teresa DeStefano, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Jordan called the meeting of the Planning Commission (PC) to order at 7:05PM in the Township meeting room and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REORGANIZATION

Jim Jordan noted that he is the active chairman and today we will be electing a new chairman and vice chairman. Would anyone like to make a motion?

Ann Connolly nominated Jim Jordan for chairman and Brooks Durham for vice-chairman. She also noted that Mr. Jordan and Mr. Durham have been doing a great job and feels the Commission works quite well and would not like to see a change.

Arnie Maguire seconded the nomination.

Barbara Iacovelli noted that she would like to see a change in chairmanship even when it has been an excellent chairman. The position requires a lot of work. Barbara noted that procedurally, only one nomination should be made at any one time.

Jim Jordan noted that he appreciates the sentiment, but with the change of the solicitor he feels it would be detrimental to the commission. So I happily accept the nomination.

Jim Jordan called for a vote; Anne Connolly, Brooks Durham, Peter DuFault, and Steve Zippi were in favor. Barbara Iacovelli was opposed. Motion carried.

Jim Jordan asked for a nomination for vice-chairman, Ann Connolly nominated Brooks Durham. Jim Jordan seconded the nomination. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 10, 2008

Brooks Durham made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the December 8, 2008 PC meeting, with the suggested changes:

addition - Brandywine at Thornbury has requested grant money.
deletion of a comment about conditional uses.

Barbara Iacovelli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Board of Supervisors (BOS)

Ed Travis reported that at the reorganization meeting everything remained the same, except for the Planning Commission's solicitor. Stacey L. Fuller from Gawthrop Greenwood will now be the new solicitor.

Ann Connolly inquired about the change in solicitors.

Ed Travis noted that the change was going to be made last year, but with the ongoing CVS project, the Board did not believe it to be an appropriate time.

Ann Connolly expressed support for the previous solicitor and displeasure with the change.

Jim Jordan believes the change in legal representation will invite unnecessary litigation.

Ann Connolly stated that it is important to have the solicitor attend all planning commission meetings so that legal advice is readily available.

Brooks Durham suggested that the commission can check with the Board prior to having the solicitor attend meetings.

Barbara Iacovelli requested that a copy of the Riparian Buffer Ordinance, the new solicitor and the township engineer be present at the next meeting.

Jim Jordan noted that he will meet with the new solicitor prior to the next meeting. He believes the Planning Commission should have an introduction to the new solicitor.

OTHER MATTERS

None were discussed

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Jim Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Brooks Durham seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday February 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Thornbury Township meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa DeStefano
Recording Secretary