

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
GENERAL MEETING  
June 08, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Jordan, Chairman  
Arnie Maguire  
Peter DuFault  
Brooks Durham  
Ann Connolly

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Teresa DeStefano, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Jim Jordan called the meeting of the Planning Commission (PC) to order at 7:00PM in the Township meeting room and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Jordan noted that he requested the presence of both the Solicitor and the Engineer and was advised that Ed Travis requested that they not attend. Jim Jordan noted that the Board had not voted on that decision.

Ed Travis noted that he believes that their attendance is not necessary at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 11, 2009**

Jim Jordan motioned to approve the draft minutes of May 11, 2009. Brooks Durham seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peter DuFault requested that all changes made to draft documents be made in other than color.

**RIPARIAN BUFFER**

Jim Jordan noted he did a fair amount of research in reference to ponds. On page 2 letter (H) add the word by and then indent the following, I, J, K, and L.

Peter DuFault noted - 155-156 Definitions delete that has been to "to be."

Peter DuFault also noted that asphalt should be inserted in front of tennis courts.

Peter DuFault - page 3 under Stream Centerline, delete "parallel to and."

Page 3 - there was a discussion of the meaning of overlay district and added to the ordinances as follows: "is an overlay district consisting of areas adjacent to an Identified Waterway that

functions to remove or buffer the effect of associated nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides or other pollutants prior to entry into the Identified Waterway.”

Page 3 - added the definition for a stream/creek to read as follows: “a natural flowing of water running between two banks”.

Jim Jordan noted that under 155-157 (A) Establishment make “Waterway” small “w”, also add the date 08-27-2004. Under “B” Width add the word the in front of Identified and make Waterways- waterway and delete the rest.

Peter DuFault noted that the 100 year flood plain will prevail, even if you take it out of this ordinance.

Peter DuFault has an issue under Uses permitted by conditional use on page 5, under (a) delete or as required. All agree.

Jim Jordan noted that on page 7 under 155-162 Inspections change waterway to capital “W.”

Peter DuFault also noted that under 155-161 Boundary interpretation and appeals procedure under “A” change Watercourse to Waterway.

Jim Jordan noted that he would like a clean copy of this document sent to the solicitor to make the changes so the Planning Commission can take a vote on this at the next meeting.

Jim Jordan noted that the Planning Commission has spent a lot of time on this in order to protect the residents. I believe we have a fair ordinance to present to the Board. The Township should also pursue an educational program. We should try to reach out to the residents.

Jim Jordan thanked everyone for their input and assistance with the drafting of this ordinance.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Jim Jordan noted that he went to the Board of Supervisors meeting and asked about the Scenic Road Ordinance. The response was “no comment” from the Bob Miller. I also want it noted that they have had it for 6 months now.

Jim stated that the residents of the Township have a right under the Pennsylvania Constitution to Scenic Resources. It is under Section 27 of The Pennsylvania Constitution.

## **REPORTS**

No Report

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Jim Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Brooks Durham seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday July 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Thornbury Township meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa DeStefano  
Recording Secretary