

NORTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

June 20, 2024

North Heidelberg Township Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on June 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed. PC members present were, Jim Tomanelli, George Ferrero, Rodney Cimbalista, John Gibbel and Tom Jones. Also in attendance were Township Engineer Ryan Rhode and Tanya Taatjes, Township Secretary.

Reorganization of the Board-

- a. A motion was made by George Ferrero to elect Jim Tomanelli as Chairman of the PC. The motion was seconded by Rodney Cimbalista and the motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Jim Tomanelli and seconded by Tom Jones to elect Rodney Cimbalista as Vice Chairman and the motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Jim Tomanelli to elect Tanya Taatjes as the Secretary of the PC. The motion was seconded by George Ferrero and the motioned carried.

Planning Commission Meeting minutes – The minutes from the November 16, 2023 PC meeting were reviewed. Jim Tomanelli made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Rodney Cimbalista seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only- None

C2C Design Group- Chuck Frantz was present to provide an update on the proposed plan for the Reserve at Blue Marsh. They are continuing to work with both RAWA and AQUA for water and sewer. AQUA is in the process of a draft agreement with C2C for funding to help solve stormwater issues. RAWA is working to find an additional well on site. The test wells have shown potential for increased capacity. Once these issues are addressed, other agencies such as Penn Dot, the Conservation District, the Army Corps of Engineers, and DEP will be notified to move forward. There was a general discussion about the recreation and open space and how it will be used and maintained. It is Engineer Rhodes opinion that the plan is generally zoning compliant except for the open spaces. It was suggested that an easement be put into place to restrict from further development. It was also suggested that the property be gated and that the Township does not want any roads dedicated back to the Township. While other items were discussed, the purpose of the meeting was to continue to update the PC as things move forward and revisions are made. Another extension is required. No action was taken.

Western Berks Joint Zoning Ordinance- The Joint PC is scheduled to meet on July 18, 2024 to enact an Ordinance that would amend subparagraph 11 entitled “Keeping of Pets”, of subsection 403.D entitled “Special Standards”, of section 406 entitled “Additional Requirements for Accessory Uses”, to establish regulations regarding the keeping of small domestic farm animals in Marion Township. This changes applies only to Marion Township.

Public Comment- None

The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2024.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by George Ferrero to adjourn the meeting. Jim Tomanelli seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Taatjes, Secretary

People in attendance:

1. Joan Ferrero
2. Bob Klinger
3. Chuck Frantz