

APPROVED

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES November 2, 2017

Call to Order: Chairman Dave Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Planning Commission (PC) members Mark Harris, Chuck Phillips, Brent Van Lith and John Gontarz. Alternates in attendance were Penny Schenk and Zach Elwyn. Also in attendance representing the Township were Mgr. Joan McVaugh, Engineer Pete Eisenbrown and Secretary Sharon Norris. One member of the public was present.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

a. *July 6, 2017 PC Minutes:* Mr. Gontarz moved, seconded by Dr. Harris, that the minutes of July 6, 2017 be approved as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

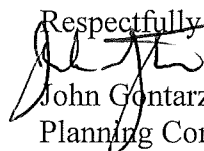
Planning & Zoning:

a. *Paradocx Expansion Project – Planning Module Component 4A:* Drs. Hoffman and Harris, as the owners of Paradocx Vineyard, recused themselves from the review of Component 4A of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. The remaining three members of the PC reviewed each item in Sections A, B & C and having no questions or concerns, authorized PC Secretary, John Gontarz, to execute Component 4A.

b. *Zoning Ordinance Discussion regarding In-Law Suites and Apartments:* PC member Chuck Phillips suggested that the PC look into including more specific language in the ordinance regarding apartments/in-law suites/granny suites. This proposed change would allow family and non family members to live independently in a fully equipped unit either attached to an existing house or adjacent to a house (i.e., over a garage). This would: allow residents to age in place; allow for an adult child to move home & still live independently; or allow a resident to secure extra income via the rental unit. The discussion included review of the relevant sections of the Township's current ordinance as well as information compiled by Township Engineer Eisenbrown from several area municipalities. The PC agreed that they are interested in pursuing this idea. The PC discussed many of the concerns that need to be included in such an ordinance and requested Engineer Eisenbrown to write the first draft for their consideration.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjourn: Chairman Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gontarz
Planning Commission Secretary