

APPROVED

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES December 7, 2017

Call to Order: Chairman Dave Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Planning Commission (PC) members Chuck Phillips and Brent Van Lith. John Gontarz and Mark Harris were absent. Alternates in attendance were Zach Elwyn and Paul Lagasse. 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. November 2, 2017 PC Minutes: Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Van Lith, that the minutes of November 2, 2017 be approved as submitted. Motion passed 3-0.

Planning & Zoning:

- a. Zoning Ordinance Discussion regarding In-Law Suites and Apartments: This was a continuation of last month's discussion regarding allowing family members and non-family members to live independently in a unit within an existing home or in an additional living unit (ALU) adjacent to an existing home. The intent of these ALUs would be to house family members or non-family members in a rental or non-rental scenario. The Planning Commission's goal is to revise the current ordinance to provide this flexibility to residents who desire to have an ALU in their existing home or on their property. Township Engineer Eisenbrown's outline of "Language to add to Zoning" dated 11/30/17 was used as a guide for the discussion. Specific definitions were identified for inclusion or deletion and various what-if scenarios were used to test the validity of the provisions being considered. Engineer Eisenbrown was tasked with incorporating the PC's suggestions into a draft document for further discussion at next month's meeting.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjourn: Chairman Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Commission Secretary

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