

Polk Township Planning Commission met on Wednesday September 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Polk Township Municipal Building, 165 Polk Township Road, Kresgeville PA 18333. Commission members present: Carl S. Heckman, Gary Bruch, William J. Tippett and Mark Giunta . Also present were Engineer Russell R. Kresge Jr. and Solicitor James Fareri, Mary Beth Serfass, Tracy Herman. Michael Hurley previously informed the secretary of his absence

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

I. **Approval of Minutes:** Gary Bruch moves to approve the August 12, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes; second by Bill Tippett. All in favor. Motion Carried

II. **Correspondence:** sent via email

III. **Plans:**

No Plans

IV. **Other Business –**

A. **Zoning: Storage Trailers –**

- i. Defined storage units as any which was originally designed with wheels and axles, truck, body, cargo container, pod or other similar unit not originally designed for accessory storage
- ii. Storage units will not be permitted in residential zones, but can be placed on commercial property
- iii. Attorney Jim Fareri drafted amendments for commission Members to discuss
- iv. Discussion was held – members felt since the shipping containers are only allowed in Commercial areas – living area should be changed to floor area in subsection b. The number of units allowable on the property would be 1 per 1,000 square feet of floor area. Subsection c was decided to only allow 10 storage units on any property

Motion was made by Gary Bruch to allow the changes to the Zoning Ordinance and proceed to the Supervisors meeting second by Mark Giunta. All in favor. Motion was carried.

B. **Zoning: Campers and Recreational Vehicles –**

- i. Discussion was held to add a section to the Ordinance that it does not apply to campgrounds or RV Parks.

Gary Bruch made a motion to accept the amendment to the zoning ordinance and recommend to the Supervisors with the changes that the amendment does not apply to campgrounds second by Bill Tippett. All in favor. Motion was carried.

C. **Zoning: Short Term Rental –**

- i. Discussion was held about using tents, recreational vehicles, and campers as a short term rental unit. Decision was made by planning Commission members not to allow these types of short term rental units in Polk Township. Jim will draft an amendment for the short term rental ordinance.

**D. CJERP:** Attorney Fareri forwarded comments to Matt Neeb and Jim will be working on an ordinance for medical marijuana for the upcoming P. C. meeting

**V. Public Comment** – Eugene Fisher sent an email inquiring about turning 660 Interchange road into an ammunition manufacturing facility or shooting range. Shooting range is not a permitted as a regional use, set backs are not far enough away from a school. Also, manufacturing can't be done in a commercial zone.

Discussion brought up from last meeting about turning R-3 zoning in to Commercial zoning. Residents that would be affected would need to be advised about possible changes and should be encouraged to come to a meeting to discuss questions or concerns. A map should be designed where zoning would be changed so members could visualize and discuss the new boundaries.

**VI. Adjournment** – Gary Bruch motions to adjourn at 7:25pm second by Bill Tippett. All in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Beth Serfass

Planning Commission Recording Secretary