

Polk Township Planning Commission met on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA 18333. Commission members present: Carl S. Heckman, Michael Hurley, Gary Bruch, Mark Giunta and William J. Tippet. Also present: Zoning Officer Justin Burker, Engineer Russel R. Kresge Jr. and Solicitor Jim Fareri.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Bruch moves to approve the April 10, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes; seconded by Giunta. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. **CORRESPONDENCE:** via E-mail: MCPC's 5/14/19 Agenda/Plan reviews and 4/9/19 minutes; CJERP 4/25/19 Agenda and 3/28/18 Minutes

II. PLANS

A. FOR ACCEPTANCE TO REVIEW:

B. FOR REVIEW:

1. **The Woods 1A-** Steve and Bruce Parisi are present for the plan review. Discussion on the letter received by PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Indiana bat. There is a seasonal time restriction for clearing trees between October 1 to March 31. Kresge mentions comment #2 from his letter dated April 29, 2019 regarding costs for placement of monuments and lot corner markers. Discussion on Parisi providing a letter stating the Polk Twp can hold \$5,500 from the released funds of \$44,000. Tippet recommends The Woods 1A plan to the Supervisors with the condition of #2 on Kresge's letter dated April 29, 2019.

2. **Speed Transport Parking-** Engineer Deana Schmoyer requested to table the review until June 12, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Discussion on truck and car parking, stormwater, paving of the lot, cargo contents, and facilities that will be needed. Bruch motions to table Speed Transport Parking plan until June 12, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting; Second by Giunta. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Nuisance Ordinance:** Notices were placed in public places to make the public aware of the proposed Ordinance. Most feedback from residents is positive. There is one resident worried about the restricted times of 11pm to 7am and during the day noise as she has been having problems with her neighbor with constant noise all day long. Polk Twp's current Zoning Ord. states the restricted hours are 9 pm to 7 am. PC agrees the time restrictions should be consistent. Discussion on changes and additions that were made by R. Tippet. Fareri stated that it is really difficult to enforce noise ordinances without using decibels in court but the Zoning Officer can still send violations. Hurley recommends the updated Nuisance Ordinance dated 5/6/19 to the Supervisors; Second by Heckman. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. **ASA:** For the 7 year review, there were 8 additional properties and a few changes to current properties. Polk Township has the most ASA acreage in Monroe County with

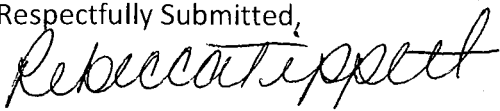
5,578.60 acres. Additions or modifications to a property can be done every year. Every 7 years, a review by the Twp. will be done. Bruch recommends the ASA 7 year review to the Supervisors; Second by Tippett. All in Favor. Motion carried.

- C. **Short Term Rentals:** Fareri shared a Supreme Court ruling on short term rentals. Burker suggests the PC view a video regarding issues and regulating short term rentals/accessory dwellings. Fareri suggests regulating short term rentals in R-1 districts and he will review current Zoning to see how much it covers. Discussion on having a work session. Burker suggests issuing permits to landlords.
- D. **SALDO Amendment:** SEO Shupp inquired about an amendment to section 408.1.F.2. Monroe County requires a notary statement on plans that will be recorded. Kresge states that a resolution would be sufficient. Discussion on including the statement with the SALDO application.
- E. **CJERP:** April 25, 2019 meeting topic was on agritourism. Hurley states agritourism is such a broad topic. Next CJERP meeting will be May 23, 2019.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment

V. **ADJOURNMENT:** Bruch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM; Second by Giunta. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebecca Tippett

Planning Commission Recording Secretary