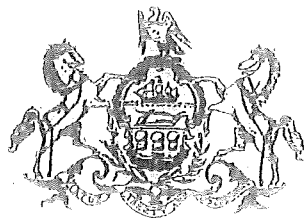


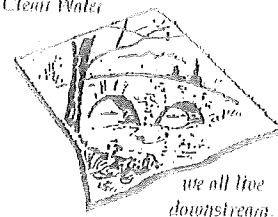
Eldred Township Planning Commission

MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Clear Water



Ann Velopolcek
Secretary



Planning Commission Minutes April 13, 2022

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022 the Eldred Township Planning Commission met in a regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Eldred Township Municipal Building, 490 Kunkletown Rd. Kunkletown. The meeting was held in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

In Attendance: In attendance were Robert Boileau, Chairman; Scott Clark, Vice-Chairman; Megan Yarashas, James Leiding, Debby York, Alicia Greico Myers, Ellie Sanchez and Solicitor Michael Gaul.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Boileau at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of the Agenda and Amendments: There were no revisions of the agenda.

Approval of any Recording of Meeting: Chairman Boileau announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Announcement of any Executive Sessions: There were no executive sessions.

Approval of the Minutes:

- There was a motion by James Leiding and seconded by Scott Clark to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

New Business: There was no new business.

Old Business: Fireworks- Draft Ordinance Review

Mr. Boileau reviewed a proposed fireworks Ordinance that was derived from the Ordinances of several other communities. Some of the issues discussed were:

permitted times and dates for use of fireworks, duration of events, record keeping, enforcement, confiscation, identification, removal and storage.

Mr. John Barborek of "The Fireworks Store" provided a good deal of information and advice about fireworks, this being his profession. He suggested that it would be a good idea for Eldred to have an Ordinance in place regarding "display" fireworks (as used in professional fireworks displays). He explained that this use is regulated by the state and in some instances by the Federal government, that providers are required to be licensed, have appropriate insurances and follow all guidelines and requirements of the law.

There were various comments about which days and times an Ordinance might permit the use of consumer fireworks. Mr. Barborek commented that aside from legal holidays, certain cultural holidays were popular for the use of fireworks.

Supervisor Gary Hoffman expressed concern that enforcement would be difficult. Eldred does not have Code Enforcement personnel available at the time most offences would be occurring and relying on complaints, statements and hearsay evidence of neighbors would not be sufficient in court.

Supervisor Blaine Silfies was concerned with procedures of identifying any "illegal" fireworks discovered, who would be responsible for confiscation, and where and how they might be stored until a trial date.

Mr. Barborek stated that he has attended several meetings in Townships considering a similar Ordinance and agreed that all of those issues are important, and he is not aware of any solutions.

Zoning and Codes Officer Shawn McGlynn explained that this would not be a zoning issue which is subject to civil court but is a health and safety issue which would be a non-traffic citation and a summary offence. He added that it would be difficult to enforce an Ordinance regarding consumer fireworks.

There was some discussion about repeat offenders. Dr. Leiding pointed out that in any complaint, it would mainly be about the noise which could be covered by our Zoning Ordinance.

Supervisor/Planner Scott Clark added that a neighbor dispute of this type should be referred to the State Police as a disturbance of the peace.

Debby York (retired magistrate) said the standard by which someone could be convicted (of such a summary offence) would be proof of the individual who "lit the fuse". She added that proof of that would be very difficult to obtain.

Solicitor Gaul agreed that physical evidence would be required and gave the example of a breathalyzer analysis in the case of an intoxicated driver.

After much discussion, Mr. Boileau said he had enough comments to proceed with preparing a proposed Ordinance.

Other: There was no other business.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment

Adjournment: There being no further business:

- There was a motion by James Leiding and seconded by Megan Yarashas to adjourn. Motion carried (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Ann Velopolcek, Recording Secretary

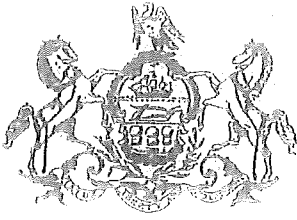
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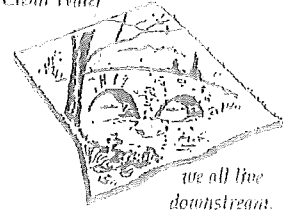
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Planning Commission Minutes January 12, 2022

On Wednesday, January 12, 2022 the Eldred Township Planning Commission met at 7:00 P.M. in a regular meeting at the Eldred Township Municipal Building, 490 Kunkletown Rd. Kunkletown, Pa.

In Attendance: In attendance were Robert Boileau, James Leiding, Scott Clark, Megan Yarashas, and newly appointed members Alycia Grieco Mier and Ellie Sanchez.

Election of a Temporary Chairman:

➤ There was a motion by Scott Clark and seconded by James Leiding to elect Megan Yarashas Temporary Chair for the purpose of the election of Planning Commission Officers.. Motion carried (6-0).

Election Of Officers

Ms. Yarashas opened the floor for nominations.

- There was a motion by James Leiding and seconded by Scott Clark to elect Robert Boileau as Chairman. Motion carried (6-0).
- There was a motion by Megan Yarashas and seconded by James Leiding to elect Scott Clark as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried (6-0).
- There was a motion by Scott Clark and seconded by James Leiding to elect Megan Yarashas as Secretary. Motion carried (6-0).

Ms. Yarashas then turned the meeting over to Chairman Robert Boileau to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

- There was a motion by Scott Clark and seconded by James Leiding to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021. Motion carried (4-0). (Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Mier abstaining as they did not attend that meeting.)

Chairman Boileau and all the Planners welcomed the two new planners, Ms. Ellie Sanchez and Ms. Alycia Grieco Mier.

Adjournment:

➤ There was a motion by Ms. Mier and seconded by Ms. Sanchez to adjourn. Motion carried (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Ann Velopolcek, Secretary