

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Carl Schaeffer called the reorganization meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS

TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

A motion was made by Elaine Pennington and seconded by Carl Schaeffer to appoint Carl Schaeffer as temporary Chairperson in order to receive nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2018. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Daniel Stauffer and seconded by Frank Gehringer appointing Susan Brown as temporary Secretary to record nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission. **No comments received.**

All ayes

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON

A motion was made by Daniel Stauffer and seconded by Carl Schaeffer to nominate Elaine Pennington as Chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2018. **No comments received.**

All ayes

A motion was made by Carl Schaeffer and seconded by Elaine Pennington to close the nominations for Chairperson. **No comments received.**

All ayes

**ELAINE PENNINGTON DECLARED CHAIRPERSON OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2018.**

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON

A motion was made by Daniel Stauffer and seconded by Elaine Pennington nominating Carl Schaeffer for Vice-Chairperson. **No comments received.**

All ayes

**CARL SCHAEFFER IS DECLARED VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 2018.**

PLANNING COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS

A motion was made by Carl Schaeffer and seconded by Frank Gehringer re-adopting the Washington Township Planning Commission Rules and Regulations. **No comments received.**

All ayes

MINUTES ARE OFFICIAL REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A motion was made by Frank Gehringer and seconded by Carl Schaeffer re-affirming that the Planning Commission Minutes are the official report from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors. **No comments received.**

All ayes

REGULAR MEETING NOW CONVENES

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Elaine Pennington, Carl Schaeffer, Frank Gehringer, Romnie Long, Daniel Stauffer, Secretary, Susan J. Brown; Joan London, Kozloff Stoudt, John Weber, LTL Consultants and two (2) members of the public were in attendance.

Absent: Mark Bedle, Jennifer Cunningham

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the Minutes. It was noted no one other than the Planning Commission Secretary was taping the meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2017

A motion was made by Carl Schaeffer and seconded by Frank Gehringer to approve the Minutes, as prepared for the December 7, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission. **No comments received.**

All ayes

Romnie Long-abstained

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW SUBMITTAL

None

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

Shuhler Farm Minor Plan (1662 Route 100) – submitted October 3, 2017. Mr. John Aston was present this evening to discuss and/or answer any questions. This Plan is a total of approximately 45 acres. Some of this land will be purchased by Ken Ehst which will be farmed. Approximately 15 acres will be purchased by Mark Moser and he will also be farming this land. The remaining parcel, which contains a well, will be purchased

by Bally Borough. The existing driveway into the farm is where the access strip is to the well therefore they are proposing to share the driveway with the farm. Mr. Weber indicated Lot #3 needs to be conveyed and joined in common deed with Mr. Moser's other property because this parcel does not have frontage. Mr. Aston is proposing this as a Minor Plan since there are no buildings intended or proposed. Mr. Stauffer asked if the Bally lot should be deed restricted so they cannot sell the lot in the future for development. The Applicant is requesting a waiver to allow limited existing features as currently shown on the plan. They are also requesting a waiver to use iron pins at all corners except along the Route 100 right-of-way. It was stated Lot #2 should have monuments. A waiver is also requested for street trees since the frontage of the property is going to be farmed. Mr. Aston will make some revisions to the Plan and come back.

New member Ronnie Long, replacing Craig Morder, was introduced.

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

None

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS

- December 12, 2017 Board of Supervisors Special meeting minutes
- Berks County Joint Comprehensive Plan Review Letter-dated 12/28/17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carl Schaeffer and seconded by Frank Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Planning Commission Secretary