

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Carl Schaeffer called the Joint Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mark Bedle

**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 JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2019**

A motion was made by Frank Gehringer and seconded by Elaine Pennington to approve the minutes as prepared for the August 1, 2019 joint BOS/Planning Commission meeting. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

**Rose Gross proposal** – John Aston was present this evening representing Rose Gross. Mr. Aston explained this is a total of 82 acres encompassing two lots plus the remaining land and is requesting this plan to be put forth as a minor subdivision. Ms. Gross would be willing to deed restrict the property to only ever be two lots. Mr. Aston asked if Ms. Gross deed restricted the two lots would the township consider processing this as a minor plan. It was noted there is a sewer line that runs in the area. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission that the Gross Plan could move forward as a minor plan.

**NEW SUBMITTAL**

**Margaret M. Stauffer Minor Subdivision Plan** – The plan consists of three separate pieces of ground that are filed together in clean and green. Clean and green has agreed that they could sell those three pieces separately but would break the clean and green status. The properties are deeded separately. This is a lot line adjustment between lot 1 and lot 2. Mr. Stauffer stated he will be abstaining from any vote having to do with this plan however he will be able to answer questions. A motion was made by Elaine

Pennington and seconded by Jennifer Cunningham accepting the Margaret M. Stauffer Plan and to begin the review process. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

**Dan Stauffer - abstained**

### **SUBDIVISION REVIEW**

None

### **SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS**

None

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- **Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance** – There was a brief review of the Berks County Planning Commissions Review Letter dated 10/21/19. Mr. Weber indicated the boundary of the commercial area will follow the stream. Mr. Stauffer questioned if anyone checked into the fair share of the HDV zoning if 20 acres is removed. Mr. Weber indicated he spoke with Dan Becker and Mr. Becker did not feel the removal of the 20 acres would negatively affect the townships fair share. A motion was made by Jennifer Cunningham and seconded by Frank Gehringer recommending approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment for property located along Route 100. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Mr. Weber was contacted by the engineer for Prestige Properties regarding plan submittal. Mr. Weber asked commission members what size plans they wished to have for review purposes. Five members prefer 11 x 17 and two members prefer full size.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- BOS meeting minutes dated 09/26/19

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for, Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Elaine Pennington and seconded by Dan Stauffer to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown  
Planning Commission Secretary