

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Carl Schaeffer called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Carl Schaeffer, Jennifer Cunningham, Frank Gehringer, Mark Bedle, Elain Pennington, Daniel Stauffer, Secretary, Susan Brown; and Joan London, Kozloff Stoudt. There was one (1) members of the public in attendance this evening.

Absent: Romnie Long

**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.

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2021**

The approval of the August 5, 2021 meeting minutes will be deferred for approval to the January meeting due to a lack of a quorum able to vote on the minutes.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

None

**NEW SUBMITTAL**

**Edison Walk – Rose Gross** – submitted 11/23/21 proposed 7 lot minor subdivision located in the Passmore/Hoffmansville Road area. Ms. London explained the Board of Supervisors have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Prestige Property Partners. Prestige will be purchasing approximately 28 acres of Mrs. Gross' 82 acres. Prestige has submitted a Minor Subdivision Plan for 26.55 acres to be dedicated to the township in satisfaction of the open space requirements for Edison Walk. This would include the development of three building lots of approximately ½ acre lots for lots 3,4 and 5. There was a phase 1 environmental assessment completed with no issues found. The three building lots will be public sewer and on-lot water. Mark asked if the concrete wall and pad will be demolished as part of this plan, the Planning Commission would not want to take ownership of the concrete wall and pad. Ms. London will address this concern with the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Jennifer Cunningham and seconded by Dan Stauffer accepting the Edison Walk – Rose Gross Plan for review. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

## **SUBDIVISION REVIEW**

None

## **SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS**

None

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- BOS meeting minutes dated October 28, 2021

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

**The Planning Commission Reorganization meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Public Comment**

**Tom Palmer, Route 100**, was present this evening to inquire as to the status of the proposed roundabout for Route 100. Mr. Palmer stated he talked to a PennDOT representative who stated Mr. Palmer should have received a letter from the township because it will affect his driveway. PennDOT stated a letter dated August 5<sup>th</sup> was sent by Mr. Sichler to PennDOT requesting them to investigate the opportunity to put a roundabout on Route 100. Mr. Palmer said he was at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting at which time the township denied knowing anything about a letter to PennDOT.

Mark asked if there is a requirement of notice, Ms. London said she is not aware of a right to notice and a right of intervention when something is simply on a plan. Mr. Palmer stated he was told by PennDOT if it is on our desk, you should have received a letter. Ms. London stated she will check into this. Mr. Palmer stated there were surveyors trespassing on his property from Roger Lehmann's company who were rude and obnoxious. Mr. Palmer said he was told by PennDOT that everything gets originated from the township. It was explained that the developer wanted a traffic light however PennDOT stated it would be a roundabout. Mr. Palmer said the request for a roundabout came from the township to PennDOT and to say that PennDOT is mandating a roundabout is totally 100% not true. Mr. Palmer stated he already moved from one property because of this township because they would not act upon the zoning, now if the township is moving the circle for one entrance into a shopping center and PennDOT said the reason it triggered them was because the township wanted an entrance onto Route 100. Jennifer stated they did want the entrance onto Route 100 and the only approval PennDOT was willing to give is a roundabout on Route 100. Mr. Palmer said he spoke with Jim D'Angelo who stated he doesn't want commercial but the township is making

him put the commercial in. Dan stated Prestige came to the township and requested a zoning change for the commercial so someone is not being truthful. Mr. Palmer said the Board of Supervisors said they didn't know anything about the roundabout. Mark said preliminary plan approval hasn't even been granted yet for this plan. Ms. London stated these are concepts which are in review and said she does not know what the surveyors are doing at his property and that is between Mr. Palmer and All County but the township is not initiating anything of the sort. Dan stated there are minutes to show that the developer requested the zoning change and Mr. Palmer stated he would like to see the minutes because he would like to send them to PennDOT. Mr. Stauffer stated he could fill out a right to know request and Mr. Palmer said he has done that in the past and never gets anything back. Mr. Palmer stated he did a right to know request four times and said he never got anything back and said he had more of his own information than what he got from this township and said the township used COVID as an excuse and said they were short staffed and that's what they told the Judge in Harrisburg. Ms. London explained that is for an extension and is not refusing to respond. Mark also said the minutes are on the township website for the public to access. Mr. Palmer asked how he intervenes so he knows what is going on and Ms. London stated there is nothing in which to intervene, if you are asking for notice when the plan is discussed, we can give notice but to intervene, there has to be a case to intervene in.

Dan Stauffer stated he would have liked to congratulate Romnie on winning the seat on the Board of Supervisors however she is not in attendance this evening. The majority of the Planning Commission felt it would be a good idea to have Romnie continue on as a Planning Commission member to increase communication between the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mark Bedle and seconded by Frank Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. **No comments received.**

**All ayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brown  
Planning Commission Secretary