**HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 26, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Ted Decker, chairman, at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Commission members present were Ted Decker, Kyle Smith, Roxey Sauble, Marlin Ensor, Jeff King, Tom Streiff and Ron Resh. Gus Fridenvalds, Zoning Officer, was present as well as Scott Longstreth, township engineer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting on January 22, 2024, were reviewed by the members. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Tom Streiff and seconded by Jeff King. The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Zoning Officer’s Report:**

Gus Fridenvalds, zoning officer, reported the following:

1. Building Permit – Bryan Harner – 24’x30’ garage
2. Occupancy Permit – Scott McIntyre – 24 rooftop solar panels
3. Occupancy Permit – Milestone Solar – yard-mounted solar panels
4. Building Permit – Michael Proctor – 24 rooftop solar panels
5. Building Permit – Virginia Barth – 58 rooftop solar panels
6. Well Permit – Lee Chronister
7. Building Permit – JVI Group – Convert retail space to office use

**Township Engineer’s Report:**

Scott Longstreth reported on the following items.

1. Greenbriar Road Culvert Project – Grant application was submitted to the conservation district.
2. Myerstown Road Culvert Project – Nothing new to report
3. Updating to SALDO with Andy Merkel
4. Heebner-Weyant Subdivision resubmission was reviewed
5. Discussed Torway Road with Chuck King, road master.

**Old Business:**

*SamWill Land Development –*

Nothing new to report. Waiting to hear from the Commonwealth Court on their request to appeal.

*JVI –*

Land Development is getting close. JVI must have a building permit to change the use from retail space to office use.

*Burn Ban Ordinance –*

Section 7-5 (Agriculture Burning) was added. A motion was made by Tom Streiff and seconded by Kyle Smith to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approved the burn ordinance with Section 7-5 added. The motion carried unanimously.

*Saldo Update –*

Andy Merkell and Scott Longstreth discussed Scott’s suggestions for the updates Andy had already presented to the Planning Commission. The members also gave their thoughts on the changes and additions. Andy will be attending the April Planning Commission meeting.

**New Business:**

 *Mark Heebner Land Development –*

 A motion made by Tom Streiff and seconded by Marlin Ensor was made to recommend to the Board of

 Supervisors to approve the non-building waiver requested by Dave Unger, surveyor for the sub-division.

 *Hollinger ASA Application –*

 A motion was made by Jeff King and seconded by Ron Resh to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to

 approved the application for the Hollinger (300 Mud Rd Road) ASA addition. The motion carried

 unanimously.

 *Building Inspection Committee Report –*

 Tom Streiff, Kyle Smith, and Gus Friedenvalds reported information about the interviews to the Planning

 Commission members. After the interviews, the committee recommended that the Planning Commission

 make a motion to the Board of Supervisors to hire Middle Department Inspection Age, Inc. This business

 has worked closely with Wilbur Slothour and their fees are comparable. A motion was made by Tom Streiff

 and seconded by Marlin Ensor to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to hire Middle Department

 Inspection Age, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

 *Broadband Presentation –*

 Marty Qually, Adams County Commission presented what is being done to increase the broadband service

 in Adams.

 ●There has been a task force persuading this for a year

 ●There are grants available to help with the cost

 ●The purpose of this task force is to manage expectations

 ●Evaluate partnership with Franklin County

 ●Adams County cannot be an interest provided

 ●Seek all grants

 ●Long term solution is fiber

 ●Short term is wireless, develop partnerships with WISPS and ISPs

 ●Develop Countywide broadband strategic plan

 He also discussed …

 ●What is broadband?

 ●Broadband speed

 ●Broadband technologies

 ●Broadband delivered through these technologies

 ●Key points from survey results

 ●Funding opportunities

 ●Contact the Adams County Office of Planning and Development if we have questions

**Public Comments**

None.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township building.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Roxey Sauble and seconded by Tom Streiff to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxey Sauble