

**WALKER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**February 15, 2017**

**Members Present –** Daniel Mattern  
Dennis Walizer  
Gregory Poorman  
Ronald Zimmerman  
Donna Reese

**Members Absent –** William Workman

**Guests -** Angel Emery  
David Emery, Jr.  
Dan Heverly

**Call to Order:**

Vice-Chairman Dennis Walizer called the February 15, 2017 meeting of the Walker Township Planning Commission to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Walizer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of January Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the January 18, 2017 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Greg Poorman; motion second by Dan Mattern and approved by all members attending.

Correspondence was received from **Elizabeth Lose**, Centre County Planning Office requesting review and comments on the Draft of the **Economic Development Chapter** of the **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Review**. Ms. Lose's letter stated she would like to attend the March Planning Commission meeting to discuss this chapter. Zoning Officer Zimmerman reported this 10-year review of the Comprehensive Plan is on-going and there will be additional chapters to review and comment on.

**Angel Emery** stated she was here as a follow-up to her attendance last month with a petition/request to **rezone some Pike Road properties from Urban Residential to Agricultural**. At last month's meeting the Planning Commission members requested she obtain signatures from all property owners affected by this change, which she provided tonight. She then asked what the next step was and was told a 'formal' written request needs to be submitted to the Supervisors with the petition showing signatures of all property owners affected by the change along with maps indicating the area to be

rezoned and the required \$350 fee. The Supervisors will schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for the rezoning request. The area where the affected properties are located will be posted prior to the public hearing giving any resident the opportunity to offer their comments and/or concerns. This formal submission will also be sent to our Planning Commission and the County Planning Office for their review and written comments prior to the public hearing. Ms. Emery stated she would be submitting a formal request very soon.

**Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman** presented his January permit activity report.

John McCarthy submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately; his resignation was accepted with regret. The members also reviewed a letter of interest from a resident for the open position on the Planning Commission. Another resident who expressed interest several years ago was also discussed and will be contacted to see if they are still interested. The members requested the vacancy be posted on the Township website and also posted on the front door so residents are aware of the opening. It was suggested contacting Solicitor Miller to see if someone can hold positions on two Boards/Commissions.

There was no other business to discuss.

Ron Zimmerman motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Dan Mattern and approved by all members attending. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Donna L. Reese, Secretary

**Next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**