

## **WALKER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **Monthly Meeting**

**March 22, 2017 (postponed from March 15, 2017)**

**Members Present –** William Workman  
Dennis Walizer  
Ronald Zimmerman  
Donna Reese  
Vaughn Zimmerman, Zoning Officer

**Members Absent –** Daniel Mattern  
Gregory Poorman  
Vacancy

**Guests -** Liz Lose (Centre County Planning Office)  
Jim Purtell (Resident)

#### **Call to Order:**

Chairman William Workman called the March 22, 2017 meeting of the Walker Township Planning Commission to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

#### **Approval of February Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Denny Walizer; motion second by Ron Zimmerman and approved by all members attending.

**Liz Lose** from the County Planning Office spoke to the members about the **Comprehensive Plan update** that is currently being done by the **Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission**. She presented draft information on the **Economic Development Chapter** for review and comments. The NVJPC identified economic development issues which they can realistically address, and also developed goals. County Planning Office staff then outlined action steps to reach these goals and achieve implementation. Ms. Lose requested input from our Planning Commission on the contents and format of the draft chapter. She also stated we will be asked to provide review and comments on future updates. The PC members will review this chapter and forward any comments to Ms. Lose.

**Zoning Officer Vaughn Zimmerman** presented his February permit activity report; he issued 7 permits, with a total construction cost of \$406,000 and fees of \$830.

Vaughn also presented a **Lot Addition/Replot Proposal for Rickie & Lacie Snyder and Preston & Elizabeth Snyder and Aquilla & Rachel Stoltzfus (CCPCDO No. 36-17)**. This proposal removes 73.3 acres from the Snyder property and adds it to the adjoining Stoltzfus property. Vaughn is concerned about an existing building located near the proposed new property line and whether it meets our setbacks. He will contact Nittany Engineering to get clarification. Donna Reese motioned to recommend approval of the proposed plan pending the Zoning Officer's satisfaction that the building is not located within the setback. Motion second by Ron Zimmerman and approved by all members attending.

Discussion regarding the **Planning Commission vacancy** and the two letters of interest received. At this time Jim Purtell introduced himself and expressed his interest in the vacancy and stated he felt his credentials and experience would be an asset. This issue was tabled until more members are present to offer opinions on the decision.

The members also discussed the possibility of **reducing the time period for our Zoning Permits**. Currently the permits are good for two years; however it was recently suggested that the permit time limit be reduced to one year. Most of the members in attendance did not agree with this suggestion and recommend not reducing the time period at this time.

There was no other business to discuss.

Denny Walizer motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Ron Zimmerman and approved by all members attending. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Donna L. Reese, Secretary

**Next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**