

EAST PENNSBORO TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting-----November 12, 2015

The monthly meeting of the East Pennsboro Township Planning Commission was held Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the Township Community and Municipal Building, 98 South Enola Drive, Enola, PA.

Those present were: Robert J. Siodlowski, James Wise, Jeremy Smith, William J. Case, members of the Planning Commission; Paul Hartman and John Kuntzelman Township Commissioners; John Owen, Director of Housing & Community Development, and a list of others attached to these minutes.

Robert Siodlowski chaired the meeting and calling the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015 meeting first by: Chairman James Wise, second by: Robert J. Siodlowski.

The next item on the agenda was the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Emergency Department Expansion for Holy Spirit Hospital.

Mr. Jeff Shyk from K &W Engineers presented to the board the plans for the Emergency Room Expansion, Level 2 Trauma Center and a Heli-pad. He described the parking facilities and ambulance procedure as well as additional parking for the ambulances. The heli-pad would be elevated above the second floor with an elevated walk-way. He stated he would like to move forward with the project to start construction in January of 2016.

Chairman Robert Siodlowski asked if the old Heli-port would remain, Mr. Shyk stated that it would in case of the need for more than one Helicopter on-site. Mr. Siodlowski also inquired for educational purposes do they need the heli-port in order to be a Level 2 Trauma. Mr. William Gruber, from Holy Spirit, Geisinger stated that Yes, we do need it and that there is a requirement with FAA. That being there is 90 seconds to get the patient to Trauma 2, from the chopper to the Trauma bay. There would be only 270 feet maximum space to accomplish this.

Mr. Corey Bray questioned the parking issues. He stated that we would lose one handicap parking space near the Emergency Room. He asked "Should we have a handicap spot adjacent to the Emergency room?" There was one parking spot existing. He also questioned the lighting issues. Mr. Bray stated he didn't see any lighting in the package that the members received.

MOTION: Mr. Jim Wise made the motion to table the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Emergency Department Expansion for Holy Spirit Hospital until they have additional information. William Case seconded the motion.

The next item on the agenda was the Preliminary review of the Cohen group amendment of the Wireless Facilities Ordinance.

Mr. Owen stated he would like comments regarding this amendment before next meeting to discuss with developer. He went on to show what these facilities look like on a slide.

We currently don't have any regulations prohibiting these types of uses.

Mr. Case questioned the location of these Wireless items. Mr. Owen stated that they would be dropped in the right-of-way on larger lots.

Mr. Wise asked if we need an ordinance. Mr. Owen stated that it's more of a permitting issue.

A) Sign Ordinance: Mr. Case inquired if it would be beneficial to have a committee to cover this. Mr. Owen stated that yes, if you could form a subcommittee that would be ideal.

The next item on the agenda was Miscellaneous items.

A). The Pre-Comprehensive Plan report will be part of the December 10th meeting packets for all Planning Commission members.

B). Municipal Notifications of Developments with regional impacts: Mr. Owen stated that he wanted everyone aware of the regional developments that were happening.

C). Address Change issues were made for 911 and emergency service personnel.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Siodlowski made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Wise.

*** Meeting was adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Graybill
Recording Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December, 10, 2015 @ 7:00 PM