

FORKS TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

01-24-2023

The Forks Township Planning Commission (PC) Workshop Meeting was held at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ian Heck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PC Members Present:

Ian Heck, Chairman
Eric Konecke, Vice Chairman
Matt Sprung
Matt Menkowski, Secretary
Anthony Klapatch
Hunter Keim, Alternate

Members Absent:

Kevin Jiorle
Robert Rusnak
Jeremy McIntosh, Alternate

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES

The vote on the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission was postponed until the February 9th PC Meeting.

REPORTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Heck indicated that a letter from LVPC regarding Seifert properties was received.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members

Chairman Heck welcomed new member, Anthony Klapatch, and asked if there was anything he needed. Mr. Klapatch indicated that he was told that he would be getting a Surface tablet and township email. He hasn't received that yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Seifert Properties Residential Development – Major Subdivision

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Chairman Heck wanted to discuss issues with this project. The first concern was regarding the berm/coverage on both sides of Arndt and Mitman Roads and to possibly move the location of the houses back. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalks and maintenance of sidewalks and detention basin. Drainage issues on Mitman Road were also discussed. The PC agreed that they would like to see a berm or have the houses located further back from the road. The open space lot was discussed regarding what they wanted to see on this site, i.e., a park or lake. Also discussed was the retention pond; maintenance; and emergency runoff. Discussion ensued regarding single family homes fronting on and having access onto Mitman Road. The PC discussed traffic issues that may occur and this may also decrease the density if the number of lots needs to be decreased.

DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued regarding unfinished business items.

Town Center Vision – Chairman Heck will contact Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn regarding if he would be available to attend the Joint PC/BOS Workshop Meeting on February 28, 2023 to discuss the Town Center District vision.

Having no further business, Chairman Heck adjourned the meeting 8:39 p.m.