

FORKS TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

03-28-2023

The Forks Township Planning Commission (PC) Workshop Meeting was held at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Heck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PC Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Kevin Jiorle
Robert Rusnak

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dean Turner, 1606 Richmond Rd, introduced township resident George Rudolph who had concerns regarding the density of the Habitat for Humanity recent proposal. Mr. Rudolph discussed the Habitat for Humanity sketch plan. He suggested 54 units instead of the 55 proposed units. He explained his re-configuration of the plan and open space. Discussion ensued regarding parking and sidewalks. Mr. Sprung expressed concerns about the plan lacking functional open space in a community anticipated to be family oriented with children.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 9, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Klapatch, seconded by Mr. Keim, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried 4-0-3. Messrs. Konecke, Sprung and McIntosh abstained.

REPORTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Heck indicated that he sent the PC information regarding LVPC courses.

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OLD BUSINESS

Gummeson Grounds – Preliminary/Final Land Development Resubmission

The information provided was just informational for the PC to review since this submission had already received approval. Discussion ensued regarding the resubmission.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The PC discussed the Open Space referendum that was presented at the Board of Supervisors Meeting. The motion to have the referendum on the ballot to support open space did not pass. Chairman O'Neil asked the Township Manager and Township Zoning Officer to research what tools and options are available. This will be presented at the April 6th Board of Supervisors workshop. The next open space committee meeting is scheduled for April 12th.

DISCUSSION

Having no further business, Chairman Heck adjourned the meeting 8:37 p.m.