

FORKS TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

04-13-23

The Forks Township Planning Commission held their meeting at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 13, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:006 p.m. by Chairman Heck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Robert Rusnak
Kevin Jiorle
Anthony Klapatch
Jeremy McIntosh, Alternate

Chairman Heck indicated that there are members absent tonight, so alternate Hunter Keim will be voting member tonight.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes: Mr. Sprung indicated that the last sentence, Public Comment, should read; Mr. Sprung expressed concerns regarding the plan lacking functional open space in a community anticipated to be family oriented with children. A motion was made by Mr. Menkowski, seconded by Mr. Keim, to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023 as amended with the 2 corrections by Mr. Sprung. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Reports: None.

Correspondence:

Chairman Heck informed the PC that he received correspondence from Van Cleef Engineering regarding street names for Legacy at Sullivan Trail, record plan, and municipal notification of plan. He will leave this for Zoning Officer McGlynn.

OLD BUSINESS

Seifert Properties Residential Development – Major Subdivision

A motion was made by Mr. Konecke, seconded by Mr. Keim, to table discussion on Seifert Properties Residential Development. All in favor. Motion carries 5-0-0.

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Posh Proposed Commercial Development – Final Land Development

The applicant requested that they be removed from tonight’s agenda in order to give them more time to respond to the Township Engineer’s review letter. A motion was made by Mr. Menkowski, seconded by Mr. Konecke, to table discussion on Posh Proposed Commercial Development. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Daniels Health Expansion – Land Development

A motion was made by Mr. Keim, seconded by Mr. Menkowski, to table discussion on Daniels Health Expansion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Forks Village – Lot Consolidation/Minor Subdivision

Scott McMallon, Cowan Associates, representing the applicant, explained that this development, Forks Village, has been completed for a while. When they were renewing the NPDES permit, the detention basin adjacent to Kessler’sville Rd, had to be enlarged to meet the new requirements for the NPDES permit. This would include 4 townhouse lots that were not constructed. This application is for the 4 lots being consolidated into the detention basin lot. This needs to be approved by the Township and will be recorded. The Homeowners Association for the development maintains the detention basin. A motion was made by Mr. Konecke, seconded by Mr. Menkowski, to accept the Forks Village – Lot Consolidation/Minor Subdivision plan. All in favor. Motion carries 5-0-0.

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman Heck indicated that he received an email from Mr. Klapatch regarding adopting a Transportation Plan. Since Mr. Klapatch is absent tonight, he will discuss this information with the PC at a later meeting.

Mr. Menkowski questioned the Unfinished Business items on the PC Pending Items.

1. Electronic Access to Files – this will remain on the list until Chairman Heck confirms status with Township Manager.
2. Application Checklist – Chairman Heck will confirm with Township Manager regarding status of the checklist.
3. Town Center Vision – this will be addressed at the next Joint Meeting when Zoning Officer McGlynn can attend the meeting.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Konecke to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m., second by Mr. Menkowski. All in favor. Motion carried. 4-0-0.