

FORKS TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

05-23-2023

The Forks Township Planning Commission held their meeting at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Heck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Ian Heck
Matthew Menkowski
Hunter Keim
Eric Konecke
Matt Sprung

Members Absent:

Kevin Jiorle
Robert Rusnak
Jeremy McIntosh, Alternate
Anthony Klapatch

Others Present:

Lisa Pereira, Solicitor, Broughal & DeVito

Public Comments: none

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 11th, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Menkowski, second by Mr. Sprung to approve the minutes of May 11th, 2023 as presented. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

Reports: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business

Walkway proposal from Uhler to Bushkill

Walkway proposal from the North West corner of Uhler/Sullivan Trail intersection to connect with the Tatamy Park at the intersection of Uhler/Bushkill was discussed. Two options presented, "Option A" along Uhler Rd and "Option B" behind self-storage and connecting to trail head at Uhler Rd. Park and Recreation Plan in Comprehensive Plan includes proposed bike

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trails in this location. Suggestions will be made to the Board of Supervisors to recommend utilizing a portion of recreation funds from the Legacy at Sullivan Trail project to construct trail.

Old Business

Text amendments

Heavy Industrial District

Motion made by Mr. Menkowski second by Mr. Sprung to recommend to the Board of Supervisor to recommendation the creation of an Industrial Designated District restricting the heavier industrial uses to its own designated zone. Uses from the surrounding EC zones will be removed from those districts and placed within this newly created area. Motion carried. 5-0-0.

Prime AG soils

Motion made by Mr. Menkowski, second by Mr. Konecke to table further discussion on the Prime AG soil at this time. Motion carried. 5-0-0

Gas Station use in TC district

Motion made by Mr. Konecke, second by Mr. Sprung to recommend to the Board of Supervisor to consider including the gas station use to the Town Center Zone. Motion carried. 3-2-0. Mr. Menkowski and Mr. Keim opposed.

Having no further business, Chairman Heck adjourned the meeting.