



**FORKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040**

The Forks Township Planning Commission Workshop Meeting was held at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Eric Konecke followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Planning Commission members present:

Eric Konecke, Vice Chairperson
Matt Sprung
Anthony Klapatch
Robert Rusnak
Hunter Keim, Alternate

Planning Commission members absent:

Ian Heck, Chairperson
Matt Menkowski, Secretary
Kevin Jiorle
Jeremy McIntosh, Alternate

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2023, June 27, 2023, and July 13, 2023, Planning Commission meetings will be tabled until the meeting of August 10, 2023.

REPORTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

NEW BUSINESS - none



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Draft Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Forks, amending Chapter 200, by adding the "ID" Industrial Designation District

Township Manager Donna Asure provided the Planning Commission with a brief overview of the proposed draft ordinance, creating the Industrial Designation District. She explained that this will create a new district which would allow for heavy industrial uses and removes those uses from the Employment Center District. This issue had been reviewed at the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Officer in February. Per the Municipal Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors are now seeking a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The hearing for this ordinance is scheduled for August 3, 2023. Hunter Keim asked if there are time limits for noise; Mrs. Asure advised that this issue would be dealt with during land development or conditional use hearings which are required for warehouses over one thousand square feet. After a brief discussion and there being no public comment, Matthew Sprung made a motion, seconded by Robert Rusnak, that the Planning Commission recommends approval to the Board of Supervisors of the text amendment ordinance creating the Industrial Designation District and removing various industrial uses from the EC zoning district. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Lori Simms of 425 Mecco Road and the new owner of the Chubbys Food Store located at 2100 Sullivan Trail asked about the status of the proposed WAWA and expressed their concerns regarding noise and traffic. Township Manager Donna Asure advised them that this will be discussed at the August 17, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. There was a brief discussion with the Planning Commission who took their concerns under advisement.
2. Robert Parella of 3089 Cory Terrace expressed his concerns regarding the recent flooding issues and water runoff in the Township and asked the Planning Commission to take this into consideration when reviewing future Land Development projects.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business or comments, a motion was made by Matthew Sprung to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Eric Konecke, motion carried 5-0-0 at 7:35 p.m.



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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