



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

The Forks Township Planning Commission meeting was held at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Ian Heck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Heck stated that Mr. Keim, Alternate will be a voting member at this meeting.

Planning Commission members present:

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

Planning Commission members absent:

Kevin Jiorle

Others Present:

Donna M. Asure, Township Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

August 25, 2023 – Mr. Menkowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusnak to approve the minutes presented, there being no comments, motion carried 7-0-0.

REPORTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Menkowski announced that he received emails from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission with invitations to attend Workshops and other information, he will forward the emails to the Commission.



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NEW BUSINESS

1. Lafayette College Wallach Sports Performance and Lacross Center Preliminary/Final Plan
3412 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040
J9-12-4-0311
Northampton County, Forks Township
(Deadline: December 13, 2023)

Don Peters, P.E. of Bohler Engineering PA, LLC and Lauren Daniels, Senior Development Manager at Aegis Property Group appeared before the Planning Commission seeking acceptance of their application tonight. Mr. Peters provided the Planning Commission with a brief overview of this proposed project, explaining it will include a new synthetic field which will be placed onto an existing grass field, new concrete area, new stormwater management facilities, and new fieldhouse building. He further explained that this is Phase 1, Phase 2 will include bleachers with seating for 1,500, a scoreboard and additional concrete area. The Planning Commission asked that the proposed Phase 2 improvements be shown on the plans. Mr. Menkowski inquired about the status of the Lafayette College Master Plan, Ms. Daniels explained that they are still developing the plan and may have it completed next year. Mr. Menkowski asked if this field will host NCAA standard level games; Ms. Daniels explained that this proposed field will be for practice only for the time being. Mr. Peters described the stormwater system in detail, explaining that there will be no runoff from this new facility, and this will also be addressed through the County Conservation District and Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Keim inquired about ADA parking, Mr. Peters stated that parking spaces located in the existing parking lot will be restriped to provide for this access. Mr. Keim inquired about the current drainage system located in the parking lot, he expressed concern regarding stormwater runoff onto Sullivan Trail. Mr. Peters stated that he will confirm the existing features of the parking lot. Mr. Heck stated that he would like to see parking details, and how they will be taking this additional use into consideration. Mr. Heck also asked that they show lighting details on their plan. Mr. Heck asked if there is any public comment regarding this proposed project.

- Ms. Rudolph of 4151 N. Delaware Drive asked if this proposed project would change after Lafayette College presents their Master Plan. Ms. Daniels stated that it will be incorporated into the plan.
- Mr. Rudolph of 4151 N. Delaware Drive would like to see a detailed drainage plan for the entire site.

There being no further comments or discussion, Mr. Konecke made a motion to accept this Preliminary/Final application, motion seconded by Mr. Klapatch, motion carried 7-0-0.



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OLD BUSINESS: None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Rusnak expressed interest in how much money is in the Township budget for the use of walking trails and the status of grant money that has been applied for. After some discussion Mr. Heck asked Mr. Rusnak to email the Commission his list of questions, he will present them to the Board of Supervisors, and then they can discuss this further.

Chairperson Heck stated that their bylaws require regular meeting attendance by the Planning Commission members, he is concerned about Mr. Jiorle's absence from the Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Heck stated that he has sent multiple email correspondence to him. Mr. Keim stated that he will see him at the Fire House on Monday evening and will speak with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Konecke to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Mr. Rusnak, motion carried 7-0-0 at 8:01p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Katherine Faubert

Katherine M. Faubert

Matthew Menkowski

Matthew Menkowski
Planning Commission Secretary