

**Liberty Township, Adams County
39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Planning Commission Monthly Meeting**

Jan. 21, 2025

The Planning Commission of Liberty Township, Adams County, met on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Rich Luquette, Chair; Luther Ridge, Vice Chair; Barb Ruppert, Secretary; Ken Farabaugh

Not Present: Judie Hogan, Alternate

Rich Luquette called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Planning Commission Reorganization:

Ken Farabaugh moved to nominate Rich Luquette as chair, and Luther Ridge seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Rich Luquette moved to nominate Luther Ridge as vice chair, and Ken Farabaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Rich Luquette moved to nominate Barb Ruppert as secretary, and Luther Ridge seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Minutes: Ken Farabaugh motioned to approve the Dec. 17 minutes, and Rich Luquette seconded the motion. The Dec. 17 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Comments:

Ken Farabaugh was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as a member of the Planning Commission and Judie Hogan as an alternate.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Southwest Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

Rich Luquette attended the first meeting of the plan update group in August 2024. In a November 2024 letter, Adams County Planning and Development outlined the scope of work for a targeted update of background information and recommendations in six topic areas of the plan. The county will provide this work as a service to municipalities, with the township only having to cover the cost of public meetings and hearings that need to take place. The county anticipates that work will start in early 2025 if all parties agree on the scope of work and their roles in the project.

The Planning Commission discussed consideration of high-speed internet within the topic of infrastructure.

For reference, the current Joint Comprehensive Plan is available on the township website under the Zoning tab at: <https://www.libertytwpadams.pa.gov/departments/land-use>

Ken Farabaugh motioned to recommend that the Board of Supervisors notify the county that they agree with updating the plan as noted and that they encourage the updating group of municipal representatives to discuss whether there is a need to possibly expand the scope of work, with the county to identify the cost of any expansion. Barb Ruppert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business:

None

At 7:59 p.m., Ken Farabaugh moved to adjourn the meeting, and Luther Ridge seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Ruppert". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Barb Ruppert
Planning Commission Secretary