

**LIBERTY Township, Adams County  
39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320**

**Planning Commission Meeting**

**September 17, 2019**

The Planning Commission of Liberty Township, Adams County, met on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 at 7:30 PM for the regular monthly meeting.

**Present:** Judie Hogan, Chair, Vince Gee, Vice Chair, Geoff Grant, Rich Luquette, Dominic Picarelli, Township Engineer, and Darrin Catts, Liberty Township, Zoning Officer

**Not Present:** Barbara Ruppert, Secretary and Nancy Wenschhof, Alternate

Chair, Judie Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM Darrin Catts was introduced. He will be attending meetings when issues related to Zoning are on the agenda.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Public Comments**

Linda and Alfred L. Mayne, Jr. of 740 G Harbaugh Valley Road, parcel number 25B18-0021---000, came with questions about dividing their property. There are currently 2 homes on the property which were allowed by a variance given by the Zoning Hearing Board in 1984. They wish to protect the interests of the long-time renters of one of the homes who have a disabled son. Discussion included need for back-up sewage testing for both lots. The parcel was filled with dirt when Site R did some work on the road. The Commission felt their only recourse would be to again file for a variance with the Zoning Hearing Board. At the request of the Mayne's, members of the Planning Commission and Dominic Picarelli provided some approximate estimates of the costs of sewage testing and filing for an exception.

**Chair Comments**

Judie reported on editorial changes to the Camping Ordinances submitted from Darrin Catts and Mr Lisko. The proposed changes to the Ordinances will proceed through the approval process. A request was made to the Supervisors for payment for the Planning Commission Secretary. Judie and Rich attended the County training session on Planning and the Sunshine Law in August and papers from the meeting were distributed to members who were unable to attend.

**Old Business**

**Sign Ordinance:**

Following lengthy discussion the Commission, by consensus, felt that we should send communication to the Supervisors that it is felt that development with specifics regarding signage may best be done by an expert, perhaps based on the Montgomery Township Signage Ordinance with review by the Planning Commission and subsequent referral to the Supervisors.

Related to the Friday, March 1, 2019 memo from Mr Lisko re Section 313.3 Vince made the following motion: Billboards and digital signs are allowed in the Commercial Industrial and Residential Office Zones as a conditional use. Geoff seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

At 8:45 Geoff moved adjournment, Rich seconded and all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Grant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Geoff Grant

Acting Planning Commission Secretary