

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

Oct. 18, 2022

The Planning Commission of Liberty Township, Adams County, met on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Judie Hogan, Chair; Rich Luquette, Vice Chair; Barb Ruppert, Secretary; Horst Stehmer; Dominic Picarelli, KPI.

Not Present: Luther Ridge; Brandon Lowe, Alternate

Judie Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: Rich Luquette motioned to approve the Sept. 20 minutes, and Horst Stehmer seconded the motion. The Sept. 20 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Comments:

The special exception for a shooting range from last month was denied based on not meeting the distance requirement between it and residences.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Review and Comment on 2022 Sept 19 - Zoning Hearing Board Application for Special Exception - 25B18-0024---000 17912 Harbaugh Valley Rd - Operation Second Chance-Indoor Riding Stables

Cindy McGrew and Greg Maddox of Operation Second Chance were present to share information on the application they will be making to the Zoning Hearing Board. They would like to construct an indoor riding arena so the veterans they serve can come for therapeutic riding at any time of year.

Riding stables are listed as a permitted use, #15 on the Conservation District Use Table, regulation 350-444. The Planning Commission compared this application to the Liberty Township Ordinance 350.444 and found that the applicant met all requirements of the ordinance. The PC recommended adding a fence to connect the current fence and the proposed indoor ring. Dominic Picarelli recommended obtaining a map with adjoining properties shown and rough setback distances shown, for ease of ZHB approval decisions.

Rich Luquette moved that the PC send a memo to the ZHB solicitor that at this meeting, the ordinance was reviewed and the PC determined the proposed facility meets all requirements of the ordinance and that therefore the PC has no objections to the ZHB approving it. Horst Stehmer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

At 7:54 p.m., Rich Luquette moved to adjourn the meeting, and Horst Stehmer seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barb Ruppert
Planning Commission Secretary