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Middle Paxton Township

**MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
AUGUST 14, 2023**

The August 14, 2023, meeting of the Middle Paxton Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Liz Rodda. The following members were in attendance: Liz Rodda, Ralph Stone, Jeff Smith, Gary Deimler, Don Morse and Julie Ann Seeds, Recording Secretary.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the May 8, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the May 8, 2023, minutes by Gary Deimler, Seconded by Ralph Stone. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Julie Seeds and Jeffrey Smith gave a brief update on the zoning ordinance update. The consultant, Environmental Planning & Design (EP&D), is working on a final draft that will come before the Planning Commission. Julie Seeds reported that EP&D, is working on a timeline for the draft zoning ordinance update for the remainder of 2023.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment initially submitted by the McNaughton Company, was again on the agenda to go over the changes recommended by the Board of Supervisors. The Amendment was previously reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

The Amendment proposes to reduce the front yard setback requirement for single family attached dwellings with an integral garage in the R-2 Zoning District and the R-3 Zoning District. The proposed Amendment was modified by the Board of Supervisors to revise the front set back from the recommended 25' feet by the Planning Commission to 30' feet, along with no less than four (4) off-street parking spaces per unit are proposed.

A discussion ensued about the necessity of four (4) parking spaces, Ms. Seeds explained that to keep vehicles off the street the developer must provide parking spaces somewhere on the property, which can include over-flow parking lots and the added distance in the front yard can accommodate larger vehicles without encroaching on sidewalks.

Motion by Don Morse to approve the revisions to the Test Amendment as presented, Seconded by Gary Deimler. Motion carried unanimously.

The draft Text Amendment will be advertised for a Public Hearing at the September 7, 2023, Board of Supervisor's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Motion by Gary Deimler to adjourn the meeting. Second by Don Morse. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Julie A. Seeds
Recording Secretary