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*Middle Paxton Township*

**MIDDLE PAXTON TOWNSHIP**  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Of March 9, 2020

Members in Attendance: Liz Rodda, Don Morse, Gary Deimler, Ralph Stone, Jeff Smith. Also present was Ed Fisher, Township Representative with Light-Heigel & Associates.

Others Present: Jim Fisher, Bill Burch, Burch Associates, Michelle Bangert, Ben Moyer, Lonnie Moyer

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Liz Rodda.

February 10<sup>th</sup> minutes reviewed. Motion by Don Morse, Ralph Stone seconded. Motion carried.

Liz Rodda introduced the Zion Church Plan asking who would represent plan. William Burch of Burch Associates presented the plan. Mr. Burch noted NPDES was in the process and he was addressing a few comments remaining to PaDEP. Mr. Burch discussed a number of the stormwater, parking and screening comments. Mr. Burch asked for a recommendation of plan approval. Liz Rodda explained the plans were not submitted in the proper time for review and action by the Board. After much discussion, no action was taken on the plan.

It was noted the Zoning Ordinance update meeting was held February 26<sup>th</sup> and most of the chapters have been reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>. (Note meeting was cancelled.)

Jim Fisher, Supervisors noted Sewage Management Ordinance has been approved by the Board.

Brief discussion and update on the 2201 Fishing Creek Valley Road/Grassmyer Subdivision Plan. Plan was approved.

Ed Fisher discussed a proposal to provide a briefing of all plans at first review. Generally plans would be reviewed, comments discussed, but no action taken at first meeting. This would give an opportunity for the plans to be cleaned up and prepared for action at the next meeting. The 90-day requirement from the 1<sup>st</sup> review would still need to be met. However, most plans take longer given other outside review agencies. The briefing would also be done at the Board of Supervisors after the Planning Commission but before action by the Planning Commission. This process is used by many municipalities and provides for a good system for information of upcoming plans to both the Planning Commission and Supervisors.

If a plan is simple and there are no comments or very limited comments, the Boards could waive the briefing policy and act on the plan. The key to the process is that the Planning Commission is not under pressure to act on a plan at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of review, and briefing the Supervisors on the plans before the action by the Planning Commission gives opportunity for input back to the Planning Commission if specific concerns are noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion by Don Morse, Gary Deimler seconded.

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Ed Fisher, Zoning Officer

DUE TO ABSENCE OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY