



**Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Potter Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Henning at 7:01 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Michele Foust	X
Melissa Hamsher	X
Dave Henning	X
Amy Lake	X
Linda Marshall	X
Mike Troyan	X
Rhonda Rumbaugh	X

Public in Attendance:

Wayne and Marilyn Engle, Residents
Andy and Amanda Leigey, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT

A question was raised as to why any regulations for backyard chickens could not be applied to new development going forward instead of being applied to existing development. In addition, allowing backyard chickens could be the decision of a Homeowners Association (HOA).

Ms. Rumbaugh indicated that she would be interested in knowing how many HOAs are in the township.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Henning asked for approval of the February 11, 2025, meeting notes. Mr. Troyan moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Foust seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Hamsher, Ms. Lake and Ms. Marshall abstained since they were not present at that meeting.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Ms. Lake reported that the Township will erect a digital speed monitoring sign in Potters Mills in response to speeding that is occurring through the Village of Potters Mills on SR 144.

She also reported that Ms. Marcella Hoffman of the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization was present at the meeting to discuss transportation issues in the township for the County's Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Hoffman also noted that the State College Area Corridor Rough Draft is expected to be released in April/May 2025.

Ms. Marshall mentioned the letter that the Commission members received from Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage notifying the township of upgrades to their system and the time period for the public comment period. Mr. Henning noted that the comment period has expired.

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE from the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office

Transducer Works, Final Land Development
Nittany Business Park, Final Plan, Lot 1R/Lot 2R Subdivision
Decker Valley Road Subdivision

#5 Time Extension
1Time Extension
Review of Final Plan

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE

Mr. Henning explained that the Board of Supervisors had asked the Commission to clarify Section 177.10 (2) and (4).

After considering and discussing the request, Ms. Marshall moved to change (2) to read, “...to continue existing sidewalks from adjoining subdivisions or land development **and** to provide access to community facilities; ~~and in subdivisions with lots less than 15,000 square feet in size.~~

Add (4). It is the general policy of the Township to require sidewalks along both sides of public streets...”

The sections will be renumbered after the changes are made. Mr. Troyan second the motion. The motion was approved.

Ms. Hamsher will make the changes as approved by the Commission and redistribute to the Commission members.

Ms. Hamsher left the meeting.

REGULATING CHICKENS in the RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Ms. Marshall suggested inviting an Extension or Poultry Science expert to the Commission’s next meeting.

In addition, Spring Township’s Backyard Chickens Ordinance was distributed to the Commission. Ms. Marshall will add the regulations to the matrix on municipal regulations for future discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

Referring to Ms. Hoffman’s discussion with the Board of Supervisors on the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Long Range Transportation Plan, Mr. Troyan asked the Commission to consider submitting a letter in support of a pedestrian right-of-way from Centre Hall Borough along Brush Valley Road to Penns Prairie Park.

After discussing the details of the proposal, Ms. Marshall moved that the Commission submit a letter in support of a pedestrian right-of-way from Centre Hall Borough to the Penns Prairie Park for safe pedestrian movement. Ms. Rumbaugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, Ms. Foust moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Lake. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Henning adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Marshall

Secretary