

Warwick Township
PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
January 8th 2020

Members Present: Kiel Sigafoos
Michael Italia
James Hoffecker
Michael Riotto
Kevin

Others Present: Brandy Mckeever, Director of Planning & Zoning
Catherine Topley, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

Mike Italia called the January 8, 2020 Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Re-Organization

Michael Italia nominated Mike Riotto as Chairman of the Planning Commission, Jim Hoffecker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kiel Sigafoos Nominated Mike Italia as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mike Riotto seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A decision was made to appoint committee liaisons as needed.

III. Consider approval of the November 6, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jim Hoffecker to approve the November 6, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes without revision, seconded by Mike Riotto. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Draft Accessory Farm Business Ordinance for Review

Mr. Riotto asked where the idea for this ordinance originated from, he feels that the farmers already struggle and to put such stringent restraints on what they can do makes matters worse instead of trying to help them.

Ms. Mckeever explained that there has been interest from agricultural property owners in conducting the type of uses outlined in the proposed ordinance and agritourism is becoming more popular in Pennsylvania. The Board of Supervisors wanted to see what the use would look like, so a draft ordinance was prepared. The Ordinance was prepared utilizing language from existing ordinances within neighboring municipalities as well as comments from Township staff as well as the Township Solicitor.

A discussion ensued regarding possibly making the uses “special events” and dropping the number of attendees to 100 for it to qualify as a special event; ensuring life safety and nuisance concerns are

addressed; if near a neighborhood requiring adequate buffering; potentially having the farmers do an annual registration if they are going to hold events.

The commission was in consensus that these uses are a part of a farmer's business. Farmers should be allowed to hold events and that it is also good for the community.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

- ❖ Mike Riotto made a motion to adjourn, Jim Hoffecker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandy Mckeever, CZO
Director Planning & Zoning