

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
May 25, 2011

The Upper Merion Township Planning Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on May 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA.

PRESENT: Robert Krutsick, Chairman; Steve Elgart, Vice-Chairman; Mark McKee, Secretary; Jaquelin Camp; William Jenaway, Liaison for the Board of Supervisors; Robert Loeper, Township Planner; Scott Greenly, Associate Planner, and Maudy Hedlund, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Krutsick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A pledge of allegiance and member self-introductions followed.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2011:

Mr. Elgart provided a small clarification for the Minutes, and then motioned for their approval. Mr. Krutsick seconded. Ms. Camp abstained because she did not attend the previous meeting. A 2-0 vote in favor carried.

Mr. Krutsick announced and read Mr. Schultz's letter of resignation, dated May 16, 2011.

Messrs. Krutsick and Jenaway commented on the Commission's excellent Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Loeper provided updates on construction activities within the Township.

Mr. Krutsick requested Mr. Loeper to give a presentation on the 2010 Census data.

Workshop

Old Business: Local Renewable Energy Systems Ordinance.

Mr. Greenly announced that he incorporated suggestions made by the membership as well as data obtained from The Rocky Mountain Institute, the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA), and the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM).

Group discussion addressed standards for:

- Minimum isolation distances.
- Design and installation.
- Small and large-scale storage batteries.
- System abandonment.

New Business: Article XXXI General Regulations

Mr. Loeper's presentation addressed the following sections:

- §165-209: Accessory Uses.
- §165-213: Temporary Use Permits.
- §165-198: Reduction of Green Areas. Recommendation: Remove the section.
- §165-215: Outdoor Lighting.
- §165-216: Noise Performance Standards.
- §165-217.1: Screening.
- §165-217.2: Required Recreation/Common Open Areas.
- §165-218: Child Day-Care Facilities.
- §165-219: Helicopter Use. Recommendation: Regulate them.
- §165-218.1: Bus Shelters. Recommendation: Provide lighting.
- §165-219.1: Conditional Use Procedure.
- §165-201: Gasoline Filling Station Equipment.

Other:

Mr. McKee requested adding a discussion of a technical correction to §157-11 to the next meeting's Agenda. He noted that §157-11 is unenforceable because it's located in Article II and not Article III. Trucks are causing a thousand times the damage of a car on roads they should not be on. It's a safety issue that impacts the tax payers and the Township's budget.

Mr. Elgart noted that it has come to the attention of the Planning Commission that §157.11 requires a technical correction. The Commission suggests graciously that the Board of Supervisors look at it.

Adjournment: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARK MCKEE, SECRETARY

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