

**Upper Merion Township Planning Commission
Reorganization Meeting on January 24, 2024**

The Upper Merion Township Planning Commission met for its reorganization meeting on January 24th, 2024, in-person in the Board Room, located in the Township Building, and via Zoom. The meeting information was fully advertised and a meeting agenda placed on the township website. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Popek
Mark McKee
Jaquelin Camp
Kenneth Brown
William Jenaway, Board Liaison
Jarrett Lash, Township Planner

ABSENT:

Martin Trumpler

REORGANIZATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Lash began the meeting with the election of Planning Commission Officers for 2024. He opened the floor for a nomination for Chairperson for 2024. Mr. McKee nominated Mr. Popek, with Mr. Brown seconding. All were in favor.

Mr. Lash turned the meeting over to the reappointed Chairman, Mr. Matt Popek.

Mr. Popek opened the floor for a nomination for Vice Chairperson for 2024. Ms. Camp nominated Mr. McKee, with Mr. Brown seconding. All were in favor.

Mr. Popek opened the floor for a nomination for Secretary for 2024. Mr. Popek nominated Mr. Trumpler, with Ms. Camp seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting minutes were previously passed out for the following meeting minutes:

- 4/26/2023
- 5/24/2023
- 7/12/2023
- 8/23/2023
- 10/11/2023
- 12/13/2023

With no other comments regarding them, Mr. Brown made a motion to approve both meeting minutes, with Mr. McKee seconding. All were in favor.

MEETING DATES FOR 2024:

The Planning Commission agreed to schedule meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of the fourth Wednesday in November & the fourth Wednesday in December (as Mr. McKee noted was the historical schedule precedent).

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION:

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Mr. Lash provided a presentation of the Comprehensive Plan process and historical data on development in Upper Merion Township. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

The Planning Commission participated in a Visioning Exercise to determine which characteristics of the Township they want to see enhanced by the end of the Comprehensive Plan timeline (sometime between 2040 – 2050). Through participation and discussion, the Planning Commission recognized their interests in promoting a Smart Transportation, Sustainable, Edge City Township. They discussed how this interacts with the Board of Supervisors' selection of being a Economically-Stable, Safe Township.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, Mr. McKee moved to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Trumpler seconding. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Martin Trumpler, Secretary