

\*Unfortunately, we experienced some technical problems again which we are working to solve.

## **Upper Makefield Township Planning Commission October 24, 2012**

The October 24, 2012 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Walt Wydro at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Planning Commission: Chair Walt Wydro, Vice Chair Karin Traina, Member Kathleen Pisauro, Member Bob Curtin and Member Ken Rubin. Members Greg Pitonak and Hank Lieberman were absent. Also in attendance were Supervisor Liaison Mary Ryan, Solicitor Mary Eberle, Director of Planning and Zoning Dave Kuhns and Township Engineer Larry Young of Gilmore & Associates.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

There were no members of the public present to comment.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Ms. Traina made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Pisauro seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**LIAISON REPORT:** Ms. Ryan reported that there had been two budget workshop meetings which were televised for the first time. At the November 13, 2012 Board meeting, the Supervisors will vote to advertise the budget and for the first time in eighteen years the Township is presenting a balanced budget.

Regarding the PECO meters, as of ten to twelve days ago, PECO was on a forty day schedule to have all of the dangerous meters replaced.

There was a successful meeting with the Park & Recreation Board regarding long term planning. The Park & Recreation Board has concluded that its Capital Improvement fund is fairly stagnant since there is very little development occurring. There were discussions regarding the future of how they should spend the available monies. Ideas discussed were a playground at Lookout Park and various courts for tennis, basketball and volleyball. The Board is leaning toward eliminating the tennis court idea but is interested in pursuing the other two.

The Board of Supervisors approved the TC Ordinance which affects only Newtown Township.

Regarding the Act 537 Plan, the progress has slowed somewhat as a result of the Board of Health records do not agree with the Township's records which were used to develop the plan so Mr. Zarko is researching the issues and as a result, there may be some revisions to the 537 Plan.

The Board's search for a Manager continues but the Board is hopeful they are getting close to a decision.

### **CURRENT AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**Washington Crossing Insurance Group, Howard Nenner, 1120 Taylorsville Rd.; New Sign Review:** After a brief discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed sign.

**Solar Panels, UMT Ordinance, Codified:** This item will be considered at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for November 28, 2012.

**Accessory Solar Energy Equipment; JMZO 2012-2:** Following discussion, including questions regarding enforceability, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the ordinance.

**Accessory Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers; JMZO 2012-3:** After a lengthy discussion, the Planning Commission recommended changes and tabled further discussion until the meeting scheduled for November 28, 2012.

**Holiday Meeting Schedule Discussion:** The November 28, 2012 Planning Commission will remain on the calendar but the December 26, 2012 meeting has been cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Phyllis Mehler

Approved: November 28, 2012