

**BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
March 10, 2009**

At 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building, Chairman Nick DiMarino declared a quorum and called to order the regular March meeting of the Planning Commission. The following members were present: Debbie Hineman, Scott Boorse, Mary Pat McCarthy, Doug Marshall, and Janet DeCaestecker. Scott Towler and Eric Hawkins were absent.

The minutes of the February 10, 2009, meeting were approved (Hineman, Boorse).

Township Map: Mr. DiMarino reported that a draft of recommendation regarding “properties of potential interest to Birmingham Township” had been sent to Supervisor Al Bush and the RPOS with the intention of receiving feedback. There had been some confusion over the request for comment from the RPOS. RPOS will be asked again for input before the recommendations are officially sent to the Supervisors via the Planning Commission secretary.

Old Business: For the next meeting Mr. Marshall will prepare a letter to the Supervisors recommending the Planning Commission’s response to the DVRPC regarding Route 202 expansion, a bike trail, etc.

In suggesting **Objectives for 2009**, the Chairman noted that the Planning Commission is more likely to see plans for infill rather than subdivisions, and that they may be addressing the impact of Route 202 widening and development. Mr. DiMarino asked that members email him with suggestions of topics to be addressed when time is available. Mr. DiMarino also suggested that it would be good to have a schedule of Planning Commission members attending (and reporting on) Board of Supervisor meetings. He asked that members try to think of potential Planning Commission members; Mrs. Hineman suggested that the “Birmingham Bugle” may have a request for new members. Mr. DiMarino said the Planning Commission interfaces with the RPOS, the Historic Commission, and the Zoning Hearing Board, and should consider more coordination with them. Lloyd Roach, of 1025 Meetinghouse Road, a former member of the ZHB, said that the ZHB must be independent. Based on that input, coordination will be limited to the RPOS and Historic Commission.

Other Business:

* Scott Boorse reported that the West Chester Regional Planning Commission had held elections (Scott is Treasurer) and heard updates from the member townships. Of note: the development plan for the Wyeth tract in West Chester has been dropped and it is expected that Sartomer will use the property. The Crebilly Farm development will probably begin in 18 months. The WCRPC also discussed the possibility of downward re-assessments resulting from the current economic climate.

* Mrs. DeCaestecker asked about Spring Meadow; Mr. DiMarino knew of nothing new.

* Mrs. Hineman complimented the February PC minutes.

* Mr. Roach reported that the Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC), of which he is a member, believes that the widening of Section 100 of Route 202 is at least ten years away.

* A letter from the President of the Suburban Realtors’ Alliance was distributed for informational purposes, but had not been placed on the agenda and was not discussed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 (Hineman, Boorse).

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline L. Roach, PC Secretary

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