

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

November 29, 2023

Those in attendance were the Planning Commission Board Members; Karla Dexter, Elwood Harper, Louisa Masemore, Secretary, Jeff Kerlin, Engineer, and Irene Donovan. Albert Ciccarone, Vice-Chairman, attended via Zoom.

The Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Mr. Ciccarone called the meeting to order. After the Pledge to the Flag, Mr. Ciccarone mentioned the resignation of Mr. Curt Kuhns, former Chairperson, and expressed appreciation of his service.

Ms. Dexter made a motion to appoint Albert Ciccarone as Chairman, Mr. Harper Seconded, All in favor. Motion Passed.

Ms. Dexter made a motion to appoint Elwood Harper as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ciccarone Seconded, All in favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Ciccarone made a motion to appoint Louisa Masemore as Secretary, Ms. Dexter Seconded, All in favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Ciccarone made a motion and Ms. Dexter seconded to set the meeting dates and time for the last Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Except November and December dates, which would be November 20, and December 18. All in favor, Motion Passed.

There was no one who wished to comment on the reorganization meeting.
Mr. Ciccarone adjourned this portion of the meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Ciccarone called the regular meeting to order.

Ms. Dexter made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting, Mr. Ciccarone Seconded. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Upper Perk Valley Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Mr. Ciccarone started off the discussion by stating that he was in approval of the middle housing that was proposed in the plan. Ms. Dexter agreed and mentioned that Hereford would be adding to that as well. They both mentioned their approval of small houses and local craftspeople contributing to the community.

Ms. Dexter mentioned that she appreciated the buffer zones around the waterways and the effort to protect the water and farmland in the area as well as the Historical building repurposing instead of demolition. Mr. Ciccarone concurred. Ms. Dexter mentioned the idea of trying to direct any future TDR's toward waterways to further protect waterways.

Mr. Kerlin said the general intent of the plan was not one that harmed the interests of Hereford township and thought it was a good outline for future development. Ms. Dexter mentioned the need for higher water and sewer infrastructure in the area.

Other Business

Search for new member

Ms. Dexter brought up the need for a new member and opened the floor to any suggestions. Ms. Dexter thought that Dr. Furdock at the pet clinic might be a good choice as she has some history in zoning. Mr. Ciccarone mentioned that he wanted to ask his neighbor. Mr. Harper was unsure of anyone to ask.

Public Comment

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Ms. Donovan Asked if there would be a possibility to have Zoom meetings for the Planning Commission meetings. Ms. Masemore replied that there hadn't been any interest until now, but there could be if Ms. Donovan asked.

There being no further comment, Mr. Ciccarone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dexter seconded.

Mr. Kerlin reminded them they had not made any motion on the agreement with the Upper Perkiomen Valley Comprehensive Plan and so Mr. Ciccarone called the meeting back into order.

Mr. Ciccarone made a motion to accept the Upper Perkiomen Valley Comprehensive Plan as presented tonight November 29th, 2023. Ms. Dexter seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion Passed.

Mr. Ciccarone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dexter seconded. All in Favor, Motion Passed.

The meeting ended at 7:27 PM.