

**WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of January 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the West Hempfield Township Planning Commission was held at the Township Municipal Office, 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Vice Chairman Rodman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Barry Carter, James Stuckey, Amanda Hood, and Joel Wamsley were present. Also in attendance were Andrew Stern, Township Manager; Dwayne R. Steager, Zoning Officer; Melissa Kelly, Township Engineer and Maria K. McDonald, Assistant Zoning Officer and Recording Secretary.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Meet New Members**

**III. Reorganization - Nomination and Election of Officers**

Vice Chairman Rodman asked that the members consider their choices for commission officers for 2019.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Stuckey, nominating John Rodman Chairman for 2019. The nomination was carried, and Mr. Rodman was elected by a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Wamsley, nominating James Stuckey Vice Chairman for 2019. The nomination was carried, and Mr. Stuckey was elected by a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuckey, seconded by Mr. Wamsley, nominating Barry Carter Secretary for 2019. The nomination was carried, and Mr. Carter was elected by a unanimous vote.

The Planning Commission Officers for 2019 are as follows John Rodman Chairman, James Stuckey Vice Chairman, and Barry Carter Secretary.

**IV. 2019 Meeting Schedule**

Chairman Rodman asked members to consider setting the meeting schedule for 2019.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Wamsley, to set the meeting schedule for 2019 for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the West Hempfield Township Municipal Building. **Carried 5-0.**

**V. Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuckey, seconded by Mr. Wamsley, to approve the minutes of December 20, 2018. **Carried 5-0.**

**VI. Communications**

Chairman Rodman asked Secretary Carter if there were any communications to report. Secretary Carter indicated that there were no communications.

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**VII. Briefing Items - None**

**VIII. Agenda Items**

**A. Misc. Zoning Text Change Amendment**

The Township Manager Andrew Stern informed the members that around October or November of 2017 the State passed a law allowing additional casinos in the state. The municipalities had an opportunity to opt out of the new law. The Township decided to opt out along with every other township in Lancaster County. However, there was a provision in the law which allowed for video gaming terminals to be in truck stops. There have recently been some gas stations making applications to the State Gaming Board for the video gaming terminals. The Board of Supervisors expressed some concerns having no way to regulate this and had clearly opted out of allowing a casino in this Township and wanted something in the ordinance to be able to evaluate a proposal.

At this time and to their knowledge there are no legal video gaming terminals in the State, so it is hard to look at another facility and determine good, bad or otherwise if there are questionable video gaming terminals out there. The Township is not proposing to prohibit video gaming terminals, the Township is not permitted to do so, but at least it will have a process for people to submit an application to the Township and to have a public hearing to determine if the use of their facility is appropriate with respect to reasonable zoning requirements. The Ordinance will be advertised for March 5, 2019 adoption by the Board of Supervisor pending a recommendation from the Planning Commission and the Lancaster Planning Commission. There will also be public input on March 5, 2019 prior to the vote.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuckey, seconded by Mr. Carter, that they convey to the Board of Supervisors that the Planning Commission has no objection to the draft Ordinance for the zoning text amendment as written. **Carried 5-0.**

**IX. The next regular meeting will be held on February 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**

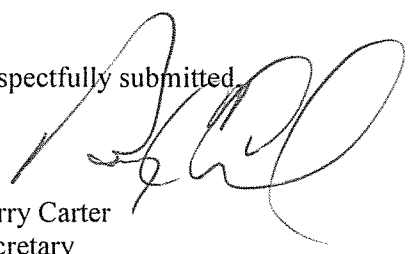
**X. Adjournment**

Chairman Rodman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Wamsley, to adjourn the meeting. **Carried 5-0.**

Chairman Rodman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barry Carter  
Secretary