

WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of October 15, 2020 – 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the West Hempfield Township Planning Commission was held at the West Hempfield Township Municipal Building, 3476 Marietta Avenue. Chairman John Rodman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The public was permitted to attend in-person or remotely via Zoom (video and audio), with instructions provided at the Township's internet website. The agenda posted to the Township's website and posted on the front window of the Township Building advised of the public's ability to attend in-person or remotely. Also, physically present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman Jim Stuckey and Commissioners Barry Carter, Joel Wamsley, and Amanda Hood, as well as the Township Manager Andrew Stern, and Zoning Officer Dwayne Steager. In attendance remotely via Zoom was Township Engineer Melissa Kelly.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Wamsley, and seconded by Ms. Hood, to approve the minutes of September 17, 2020. **Carried 5-0.**

III. Communications

None.

IV. Briefing Items

None.

V. Agenda Items

A. 4324 Marietta Avenue – WHTPC 11-2020 (90 Day 12-01-2020)

Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan

Location: 4324 Marietta Avenue

Applicants Thomas and Elizabeth Kealey apologized that their engineer, Eric Johnston, was to attend, but had not yet arrived. They explained the purpose of the project to the Planning Commission. They intend to construct two 8,000 metal buildings on concrete slabs. Each will eventually house hemp drying ovens. Farmers will bring their harvest to this facility and then will pick up their dried product to do with as they please. Hemp will only be dried at this facility, not processed or converted to any other products. To start, they intend to only building one of the buildings, but as production increases, they hope to build the second one.

Township Engineer Melissa Kelly pointed out that her review letter dated September 24, 2020 has numerous outstanding items, including significant technical items. It is her opinion that the plan is not ready for action.

Barry Carter asked several questions about fire protection. The applicant will submit additional information to Mr. Carter. They will also comply will all applicable building codes. Specifically with reference to a fire suppression system, it does not appear one would be required, but if one is required by code they will comply.

Engineer Eric Johnston arrived later in the meeting. He addressed a few of the issues, but acknowledged that more work needs to be done. He will work with Rettew to address the outstanding items and/or to request modifications or waivers.

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Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Stuckey, seconded by Mr. Carter, to table this plan to allow the applicant's engineer to resolve the outstanding items with the Township's engineer. **Carried 5-0.**

VI. The next regular meeting will be held on November 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

VII. Adjournment

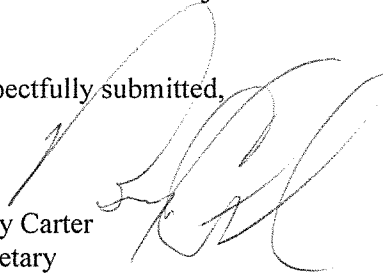
Chairman Rodman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Carter
Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Barry Carter', written over the typed name and title.