

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 1, 2017

The Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford, PA at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 1, 2017

Members present: Elizabeth Randolph, Sam Reyburn, David Underwood, Harold Bryson, Ron Ragan, township engineer and Jane Daggett, township secretary.

Others present: Scott Rugen, Denise Rugen, Howard Reyburn, Gary Calibey, Bill Hovis, Blair Fleischmann and Sally McMurry of Penn State University

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Vice-chairman, Dave Underwood.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Harold Bryson, seconded by Elizabeth Randolph and carried to approve the April 3, 2017 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

FLOOD PLAIN – Ron Ragan led the discussion regarding the flood plan ordinance which is still in draft form. The DCED has taken a model ordinance and our ordinance and combined them to give us a specific ordinance to use. Ron went over each page with their changes and corrections in the the print outs which each member received a copy of. He also stated that this will be a “stand alone” ordinance. This ordinance must be adopted and filed by September 27, 2017.

RIPARIAN BUFFERS – Scott attended a conference held by CCATO. The Brandywine Conservancy presented a panel discussion on the use of riparian buffers to improve water quality. Scott presented each Planning Commission Member with a copy of the model ordinance he received from the Conservancy. Scott also provided copies of a map showing the streams in Upper Oxford Township. The benefits and disadvantages of adopting this ordinance was discussed along with a fact sheet from the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). If we are interested in moving forward, Ron Ragan will see if he could get a copy of what London Grove is presently working on regarding this ordinance. The Supervisors would like feedback after the Planning Commission has studied this model ordinance and fact sheet.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE – The Supervisors are looking for input at their next work session regarding this matter. The intent is not to apply aesthetics guidelines to properties but give the Zoning Officer more power to enforce properties that are in violation of safety and health. We will invite the Zoning Officer to the next work session to discuss the problems that he is confronted with.

WEED ORDINANCE – The Supervisors suggested we revisit this matter and let our newest member, Elizabeth Randolph review this. This will also be discussed at the future work session.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY LISTING – Will be mailed out to the Agricultural Advisory Board and the Planning Commission Members after May 12, 2017 for them to begin a forty-five (45) day review period for the Agricultural Security 7 seven review.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Harold Bryson, seconded by Elizabeth Randolph and carried to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary