

# Washington Township Planning Commission Reorganization Meeting Minutes

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7: 00 PM

1. Zoning Officer Norm Willow called the Washington Township Planning Commission Reorganization meeting to order on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 7:00 PM at the Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro PA 16412. Those present were Commission members Chuck Weiss, Ken Meyer, John Allen and Sean Kineston. In attendance were Council Representative Mike Glass, Zoning Officer Norm Willow, and Dr. Brian Zimmerman.
2. Agenda Approval: **It was voted** on a motion by John Allen, seconded by Chuck Weiss to approve the reorganization agenda. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. Appoint Temporary Chair. Zoning Officer Willow appointed member Chuck Weiss Temporary Chair.
4. 2016 Nomination of Officers.
  - a. Chairperson: Ken Meyer nominated Chuck Weiss, there were no other nominations. **Vote was Unanimous.**
  - b. Vice-Chairperson: John Allen nominated Ken Meyer, Ken Meyer nominated Sam Kim. **It was voted**, Sam Kim received 3 votes, and Ken Meyer received 1 vote.
  - c. Secretary: John Allen nominated Ken Meyer, Chuck Weiss nominated John Allen. **John Allen was appointed Secretary by a unanimous vote.**
5. Approve Meeting schedule for 2016: **It was voted** on a motion by John Allen and seconded by Ken Meyer to have meetings scheduled on the Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. All meetings to be held at the Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro PA 16412. The reorganizational meeting for 2017 will be January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6. Approval of Minutes: **It was voted** on a motion by John Allen and seconded by Ken Meyer to approve the minutes from the December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.
8. Old Business: Continued discussion of Non-Conventional Drilling
  - a. Brian Zimmerman, Ph.D., Chairperson of the Geosciences Department, Edinboro University presented information on the Edinboro Lake Watershed and how Heavy industry, including non-conventional drilling could/would affect the watershed and therefore the public and private water systems in Edinboro Borough and Washington Township. The aquifer is shallow and very porous; any potential spill in the watershed could be catastrophic.
  - b. DEP Press release was discussed along with Council's advising the Planning Commission to put the non-conventional drilling topic on the "back burner" until more is learned about the impact of new DEP rules and regulations.
9. New Business:
  - a. 2015 Planning Commission Summary Report presented to Council.
  - b. Application for inclusion in the Washington Township Agriculture Security Area was extensively discussed. **It was voted** on a motion by John Allen and seconded by Chuck Weis on the following comment: *This action may be counterproductive to commercial development envisioned by long range plans and current zoning.* **Motion carried unanimously.**
10. Public Comments and Questions: None
11. Adjournment: A motion by Ken Meyer to adjourn at 9:35 P.M. was seconded by John Allen. **Motion carried unanimously.**