

PLANNING COMMISSION
Hanover Township Northampton County
3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD
BETHLEHEM, PA 18107

Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Meeting

Meeting #882 of the Hanover Township Northampton County Planning Commission was held at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Monday, January 9, 2012 and convened at 7:30 P.M.

Planning Commission members in attendance:

Susan Lawless Joseph Hilton
Kenneth Vail Barry Check

Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. represented by James Milot.

REORGANIZATION

On the motion of Check, seconded by Hilton, the Planning Commission approved to re-appoint Susan Lawless as Chairman.

Hilton, yes; Vail, yes; Check, yes; Lawless, abstain

Although Planners Kuehne and Sterner did not attend this meeting, their approval was received via email.

On the motion of Lawless, seconded by Check, the Planning Commission approved to appoint Kenneth Vail as Vice-Chairman.

Hilton, yes; Vail, abstain; Check, yes; Lawless, yes

Although Planners Kuehne and Sterner did not attend this meeting, their approval was received via email.

On the motion of Lawless, seconded by Vail, the Planning Commission approved to appoint Barry Check as Secretary.

Hilton, yes; Vail, yes; Check, abstain; Lawless, yes

Although Planners Kuehne and Sterner did not attend this meeting, their approval was received via email.

On the motion of Lawless, seconded by Vail, the Planning Commission approved to re-appoint Sylvia McLaughlin as Clerk.

Hilton, yes; Vail, yes; Check, yes; Lawless, yes

MINUTES

Motion was made by Lawless, seconded by Vail, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting.

Hilton, abstain; Vail, yes; Check, abstain; Lawless, yes Although Planners Kuehne and Sterner did not attend this meeting; their approval was received via email.

AIRPORT ROAD VETERINARY PRACTICE 4140 Airport Road
Conditional Use Application
James Holzinger (Attorney) Christine Bongiorno (Veterinarian) John Selko (Owner)

Veterinary Practice proposes to lease 2500 square feet at the rear of this property. Bongiorno, a general practitioner for small animals, has practiced in Monroe County for 14 years. She will be the sole veterinarian at site with a support staff of 4 or 5 technicians. Proposed is a medical and surgical facility. It will not be a boarding facility. Over night patients would be hospital patients. Critical patients would be referred to Valley Central. Grass area behind site could be used for walking animals. They are responsible for maintaining clean up. A statement of intent and clarification that the proposal is wholly contained within the building should be provided.

Parking Spaces must be delineated to confirm available parking. Parking for this use must be tabulated.

One Loading Zone space must be provided.

Dumpster enclosure must be provided. Any medical waste will be separately disposed of and picked up directly from within the facility.

Construction vehicles, presently stored on the property, will be removed.

Two deciduous trees along southerly portion will be replaced.

Trip Generation Summary should be provided.

Required setback from the R1-S Zoning District and restricted access to Airport Road will be discussed with Township Solicitor James Broughal. Plan had been approved prior to current Ordinance.

Motion was made by Lawless, seconded by Vail, to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending approval of Conditional Use Application subject to compliance with all recommendations set forth in letter from Hanover Engineering dated January 6, 2012.

Vail, yes; Hilton, yes; Check, yes; Lawless, yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Milot reported that Hanover Engineering has been contacted by proposed Dental Office on Schoenersville Road, Traditions of America at Bridle Path and LVIP – Lot 8 Bethlehem Business Park parking lot expansion. It appears that these projects will be moving forward.

Planner Hilton asked if consideration is being given to a traffic signal at Stoke Park Road and Wegman's Drive. Milot reported that the Traffic Advisory Committee is being asked to reconvene to review intersections that may need improvements.

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Vivian I. Zumas of 1202 Foxview Drive

Samuel P. Royer of 1470 Stafore Drive

Both individuals attended meeting, each expressing an interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

Upon discussion in executive session, motion was made by Lawless, seconded by Vail, to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, recommending the appointment of Vivian I. Zumas to replace James Narlesky.

Vail, yes; Hilton, yes; Check, yes; Lawless, yes

Sylvia McLaughlin
Clerk – Planning Commission

