

PLANNING COMMISSION
Hanover Township Northampton County
3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD
BETHLEHEM, PA 18017

Minutes of the October 3, 2011 Meeting

Meeting #879 of the Hanover Township Northampton County Planning Commission was held at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Monday, October 3, 2011, and convened at 7:30 P.M.

Planning Commission members in attendance:

Susan Lawless	James Narlesky
Jim Sterner	Kenneth Vail
Barry Check	

Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. represented by James Milot.

Motion was made by Lawless, seconded by Sterner, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting.

Sterner, yes; Narlesky, yes; Vail, abstain; Check, yes; Lawless, abstain
Kuehne, yes Although Planner Kuehne did not attend this meeting, approval was received from him via email.

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Milot corrected the statement referring to height restriction. 32 feet should be corrected to 35 feet general height and 38 feet for two stories in the AFHBD.

Noting this clarification, motion was made by Lawless, seconded by Vail, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting.

Sterner, yes; Narlesky, yes; Vail, yes; Check, yes; Lawless, yes

HINDU TEMPLE 4200 Airport Road Sketch Plan Additional Parking
Chris Kerkusz (Martin Schuler Company)
Joshi Haresh (Hindu Temple Society) Chris Kapoor (Chairman Board of Trustees)

Sketch Plan was presented proposing 36 additional gravel parking spaces. Two festivals are held during the year when more parking is needed to accommodate the congregation. Presently, overflow parking is across the road from the Temple on Airport Road, which is not a safe alternative. The Temple Society would like to make this improvement with the minimum amount of requirements and cost.

Paving triggers Stormwater considerations. Gravel is considered impervious under Zoning and Stormwater Management. Water quality must be addressed. Details are needed pertaining to flow, runoff from property, ability to handle runoff, impact on adjacent landowners. Analysis is needed verifying that existing pond can handle the water.

Planners advised that even with a proposed parking expansion of this size (and even if reduced to 30 additional spaces) certain minimum requirements are required. They offered to reduce down to 30 spaces. Planners would be favorably inclined towards this proposal if the engineering documentation were provided demonstrating compliance with stormwater requirements (both quality and quantity).

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Milot reported that an email was received from the Bureau of Aviation stating that they are pleased with the advanced planning done by the Township pertaining to the Airport.

Sylvia McLaughlin
Clerk – Planning Commission

