

MINUTES

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Chauncey Knopp at 7:00 P.M. with the following present:

Chauncey D. Knopp, Chairman
Eric A. Breon, Vice Chairman
Paul Wagner
Kimber Latsha
Christopher DeHart
Ronald Paul, Secretary

Absent:

Brenda Wick, Engineer
Diane Myers-Krug, Dauphin County Planning Commission
Darlene E. Stoudt, Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Bobbie VanBuskirk, GreenWorks Development

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Motion was made by Dehart and seconded by Latsha to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

AIRPORT OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Ordinance for a Zoning Amendment which would establish an Airport Overlay District.

Mr. Paul explained the purpose of this zoning amendment is to create an effective airport zoning ordinance in order to meet the airport zoning requirements as established by Pennsylvania Law (Act 1984-164). PennDOT Bureau of Aviation has provided a model ordinance to help facilitate the development of said ordinance.

This zoning amendment will become Section 27-2014.2 of the Code of Ordinances of Lower Swatara Township, Ordinance No. 448, as amended.

Additionally, this ordinance will also amend the current Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27-2006, HEIGHT REGULATIONS, as follows:

2. by adding "Airport Industrial" to the Districts where the height may be increased by Special Exception.
- 2.E and 3. by adding reference to Section 27-2014.2.

A motion was made by DeHart and seconded by Latsha to recommend approval of the Zoning Amendment to establish an Airport Overlay District, with previously mentioned comments.

Motion unanimously approved.

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS ORDINANCE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Ordinance for a Zoning Amendment which would establish regulations for Wireless Telecommunications Towers and Antennas.

Mr. Paul explained the purposed of the ordinance is to encourage towers and antennas to be located in non-residential areas, to protect residential areas from potential adverse impacts of towers and antennas, and to minimize the total number of towers in the Township by encouraging the joint use of new and existing tower sites.

The Planning Commission questioned the seventy (70) feet height requirement for an antenna when operated by a federally-licensed amateur radio station operator (§27-2016/3/B).

It was noted that §27-2016.8, Removal of Abandoned Antennas and Towers, would apply to those existing sites that pre-dated this amendment. An antenna or tower that is not operated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months from the enacted date of this ordinance shall be considered abandoned.

Mr. Paul pointed out that a land development plan must be submitted for all tower and antenna sites.

A motion was made by DeHart and seconded by Latsha to recommend approval of the Zoning Amendment to establish regulations for Wireless Telecommunications Towers and Antennas, with previously mentioned comments.

Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by DeHart to adjourn the meeting

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ronald J. Paul, Secretary