

AGENDA

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of Minutes of the October 22, 2009 Meeting.
5. Discussion of Longview Drive conditions for the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for the Colony of Old Reliance, A Traditional Neighborhood Development, prepared by Dauphin Engineering Company and submitted by Ronald A. and Patricia A. Burkholder.
6. Other pertinent business.
7. Adjourn.

MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order by Chauncey Knopp at 7:30 P.M. with the following present:

Chauncey D. Knopp, Chairman
Eric A. Breon, Vice Chairman
Paul Wagner
Kimber Latsha
Christopher DeHart
Darlene E. Stoudt, Recording Secretary
Ronald J. Paul, Secretary

Excused:

Diane Myers-Krug, Dauphin County Planning Commission
Brenda Wick, Engineer

Others in Attendance:

Ron Burkholder, Jr., Colony of Old Reliance
Jeff Staub, Dauphin Engineering (Colony of Old Reliance)

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Latsha and seconded by DeHart to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.

COLONY OF OLD RELIANCE (TND) PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Planning Commission discussed the Longview Drive issues for the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for the Colony of Old Reliance, A Traditional Neighborhood Development, prepared by Dauphin Engineering Co., and submitted by Ronald A. and Patricia A. Burkholder.

Jeff Staub of Dauphin Engineering stated that at the request of Brenda Wick, Township Engineer and Township staff, the horizontal and vertical alignment of Longview Drive was revised, taking into consideration the suggestion of shifting the road further south into the Old Reliance Farms project and adding super-elevation to the curve. This combination, along with a request for a waiver of the design speed from 40 MPH to 35 MPH allowed for a shorter, vertical curve site distance. This type of flexibility is permitted by Penn DOT in their guidelines. They allow a design based on the posted speed limit, which is currently 35 MPH in this vicinity. Mr. Staub stated that this design will work without any adverse effect on the four driveways that currently access Longview Drive on the north side, and in most cases will improve the driveways.

There were only a few comments, one of which was a request to lower the super-elevation from 8% to 7% which should not make much of an impact. The other comment was to support the request for the waiver. Mr. Paul questioned whether the improvements to Longview Drive will be completed in entirety when either the next section of Old Reliance Farms or the Colony of Old Reliance progresses, since it seems that it is not feasible or economical to only do one part at a time. It is the recommendation from the Planning Commission that the road work be completed entirely, regardless of which project starts first.

A motion was made by DeHart and seconded by Latsha to recommend granting a request for a the design speed to be reduced from 40 MPH to 35 MPH due to a vertical curve site distance of 251 feet which meets the 35 MPH design criteria. This design speed meets PennDOT's requirement that the appropriate speed selected shall be equal to or exceed the posted regulatory speed limit of newly constructed projects.

Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Latsha and seconded by Breon to recommend approval of the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan for the Colony of Old Reliance, a TND, with the previously mentioned stipulations.

Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

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

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ronald J. Paul, Secretary