

Annville Township Planning Commission: 3/20/2017 Meeting FINAL MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Gary Kotsch, Mike Liles, Karen Mailen, Anthony C. Perrotto, and Tanya Richter

Announced Guests: Anthony Deaven (applicant for Planning Commission vacancy), Dakota Koller (student), Shelva Kotsch (citizen), David Ober (applicant for Planning Commission vacancy)

In the absence of Chairman Kirkessner, Karen Mailen chaired the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Planning Commission members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. Gary Kotsch made a motion to approve the draft minutes for the 11/21/16 meeting of the Planning Commission; this was seconded by Tanya Richter and passed unanimously.
- B. Ms. Mailen recognized the two applicants in attendance to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission created by the departure of Millie Kish. Anthony Deaven shared that he has resided in Annville since 1991 after moving from upstate PA. He is a life member of the Union Hose Fire Company. He has heard in the community questions about LVC and concerns for the historical district. Mr. Deaven indicated that there should be balance between a family-friendly township and commercial improvements that allow the township to grow economically. David Ober has lived in Annville since 1987. He lives in a historic home on Main Street with his wife and 5 children. In 1989, he started a business called Environmental Cleaning Solutions, a commercial cleaning business that currently has 75 employees. Mr. Ober is a member of the Lebanon County Republican Committee. He loves the small town charm of Annville, and now that his kids have grown, he feels he has time to give back to the community. He indicated he is involved in his church and their youth ministry; he also assisted in a land development study for his church. He believes he would bring a common sense approach to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Mailen opened the floor to questions from the Planning Commission for the two applicants. Mr. Kotsch inquired about their education, work experience, strongest skill, and professional organization memberships. Mr. Deaven is an Assistant Chief for First Aid and Safety Patrol where he uses his skills in structure and tactical planning. He has a bachelor's degree in business and feels he is good at listening for the middle ground in conflicts. He is a member of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce, VP of the PA EMS Council, and a member of the national EMS Council's education committee. Mr. Ober has an associate's degree in business, built his business from the ground up, and feels he is also good at conflict resolution. Mr. Ober is also a member of the Lebanon

Valley Chamber of Commerce as well as the Better Business Bureau. He also used to belong to the Lebanon County Builders Association. After giving their responses to his questions, Mr. Kotsch emphasized that it is important that the Planning Commission be diverse in its membership; he indicated it was positive that both applicants have business backgrounds.

Tanya Richter described the role of the Planning Commission as a review and recommendation body that advises the Board of Commissioners within the confines of the land development and zoning ordinances. Anthony Perrotto indicated the meeting times, the third Monday of the month at 7 PM, and neither candidate expressed concern about being available for that meeting time. Mike Liles added that the township engineer often attends the meetings and offers comments and support in reviewing plans submitted for approval.

Ms. Mailen thanked the applicants for their interest and indicated that the Planning Commission would get back to them through the township office with a final decision. Both candidates left the room at 7:21 PM. After a brief discussion of the positive attributes both candidates would bring to the position, the Planning Commission took a vote for whom to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy. Mr. Ober was selected by a vote of 3 (Kotsch, Liles, and Mailen) to 2 (Perrotto and Richter).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM on a unanimous motion by Anthony Perrotto and seconded by Mike Liles.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony C. Perrotto, Secretary