

SHALER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
January 17, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Shaler Township Planning Commission was held on January 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Piekarski called the meeting to order. Ms. Re called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: David H. Piekarski, Howard Abel, Matthew Thiel, Terence J. Brown, Gregory Greiff, Christopher Chirdon, James Genter and John Rihn, Fire Liaison

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: Matthew Sebastian, P.E. (Absent)

BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER: Robert Vita

RECORDING SECRETARY: Noreen A. Re

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Motion to nominate David Piekarski as chairman made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Thiel.

Motion carries unanimously

Motion to close nominations made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Abel.

Motion carries unanimously

Mr. Piekarski appointed chairman by acclamation

Motion to nominate Terence Brown as vice-chairman made by Mr. Abel and seconded by Mr. Greiff.

Motion carries unanimously

Motion to close nominations made by Mr. Thiel and seconded by Mr. Abel.

Motion carries unanimously

Mr. Brown appointed vice-chairman by acclamation

Motion to nominate Howard Abel as secretary made by Mr. Thiel and seconded by Mr. Chirdon.

Motion carries unanimously

Motion to close nominations made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Thiel.

Motion carries unanimously

Mr. Abel appointed secretary by acclamation

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF CONRAD WAGNER

Mr. Piekarski thanked Mr. Wagner for his service to the Planning Commission starting in 2000 as the fire liaison and for the past 10 years as a member of the Planning Commission and the past several years as vice-chairman of the Planning Commission. Mr. Wagner stated he was sorry to go and added that, as commissioner, he would help the Commission in any way that he can. Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Wagner personally for helping Planning Commission members get involved and “doing it in a good way.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 16, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021, made by Mr. Chirdon and seconded by Mr. Brown .

**Motion carries – 6 to 0 with 1 abstention
Mr. Genter abstaining**

REPORT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

January 3, 2022

Mr. Piekarski stated he was not in attendance, but there was nothing to report from the Planning Commission. He stated Mr. Wagner was sworn in as commissioner at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - None

Mr. Piekarski stated an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Development – EAS Roofing – 1201 William Flinn Highway – Lot & Block 356-J-182 – Fourth Ward

Although there was no one present for the applicant, Mr. Vita stated that he and Mr. Sebastian reviewed the plan. Since Mr. Sebastian has been ill and was unable to generate a written engineer's report, a report was provided verbally. The only issue was the plan was missing stormwater management requirements. The applicant was going to get a contractor to develop those plans for him. Mr. Vita was unclear on why the applicant was not present.

Mr. Vita stated the applicant is looking for permission to build another building on his property. It was Mr. Vita's belief that the building would be used for storage. He wasn't sure if storage of the trailers was included. Mr. Brown expressed concern over no real detail about spouting on the prints. He felt if there was going to be a garage that there would be more concern regarding roof runoff over the doorways and so forth. Mr. Vita stated that would be addressed in the stormwater management and the details would be picked up during plan review for the building permit.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Rihn, Mr. Vita stated there is access to the rear of the existing building.

Motion for Preliminary Approval made by Mr. Abel and seconded by Mr. Chirdon.

Motion carries unanimously

ADMINISTRATION:

Zoning Ordinances – Short-term rentals and permitting conversion of single-family dwellings to multi-family dwellings

Upon inquiry by Mr. Brown if either issue was discussed in a public forum, Mr. Vita stated the Board of Commissioners advised the solicitor to draft the two ordinances. It will be presented to the appropriate committee at the committee meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month for public discussion. Mr. Vita stated the Board asked for Planning Commission's review.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Thiel if this applied to an in-law suite, Mr. Vita stated if the home could be addressed as two totally separate living units, that may not be permissible. Mr. Vita requested any additional comments be provided by Monday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Greiff and seconded by Mr. Abel .

Motion carries unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.

Howard Abel
Secretary

Minutes prepared by Noreen A. Re, Certified Realtime Reporter.