

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 14, 2019. Ms. Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

Planning Commission:                   Chad Wallace, Chair  
  Craig Bryson, Vice Chair  
  Charles Halboth, Secretary  
  Ross Bruch, Member  
  Dawn DiDonato-Burke, Member

Others:                                     Jim Majewski, Director Planning & Zoning  
  Barbara Kirk, Township Solicitor  
  John B. Lewis, Supervisor Liaison

REORGANIZATION

Ms. Kirk asked for nominations for Chair of the Planning Commission for 2019. Ms. Burke moved, Mr. Halboth seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Chad Wallace as Chair of the Planning Commission.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Wallace who asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2019. Ms. Burke moved, Mr. Halboth seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Craig Bryson as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Wallace asked for nominations for Secretary of the Planning Commission for 2019. Ms. Burke moved, Mr. Wallace seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Charles Halboth as Secretary of the Planning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Wallace introduced Mr. Ross Bruch, the new member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Bruch stated he was on Farmland Preservation for two years and has lived in the Township for four years. He stated he was a Real Estate attorney for several years and eventually evolved into a tax attorney doing trust and estates and now works at a private bank. He stated he is interested in planning and zoning which is why he was interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bryson moved, Mr. Wallace seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2018 as written.

## 2018 PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Majewski stated he had sent this out to the Planning Commission for their review. He stated if anyone has any comments they could make revisions. He stated if not, the Report will be accepted. A vote on it is not necessary. He stated the Report will be posted on-line on the Planning Commission Web page.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Majewski stated he had previously advised the Planning Commission of the forthcoming Ordinance issues that the Planning Commission will be discussing.

Mr. Wallace noted Mr. John Lewis will be the Commission's new Supervisor liaison.

Mr. Bryson asked the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Majewski stated he met with the Bucks County Planning Commission in December. He stated he had sent them all the materials and the Commission was reviewing it. He stated Bucks County has much better GIS and mapping capabilities, and they will be updating the maps and provide more information on them. Mr. Majewski stated the draft should be going before the Board of Supervisors this month. Mr. Bryson asked if it will be coming back to the Planning Commission, and Ms. Kirk stated it will not. Mr. Majewski stated it will need to be advertised by the Board of Supervisors for 45 days, and then there would be a vote to approve. Ms. Kirk stated the only time it would come back to the Township's Planning Commission would be if there was a recommendation from the Bucks County Planning Commission as to a significant material change to the final draft that was submitted. Mr. Majewski stated when he gets the final draft back, he will circulate it to the Planning Commission, and they could incorporate something if it is found that something was missed.

Mr. Lewis stated the Bucks County GIS mapping has been dramatically updated.

Mr. Majewski stated he had a very productive meeting with the Bucks County Planning Commission.

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There being no further business, Ms. Burke moved, Mr. Bryson seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Halboth, Secretary