

POCONO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14TH, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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The Pocono Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting was held on August 14, 2017 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and opened by Chairman Ron Swink at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Dennis Purcell, present; Robert DeYoung, present; Scott Gilliland, present; Ron Swink, present; Marie Guidry, present; Bob Demarest, present; and Jeremy Sawicki, present. Lisa Pereira, Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Engineer; Michael Tripus, Zoning Officer; and Christine Brodsky, acting Recording Secretary, were present.

NOTIFICATIONS OF COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

MINUTES: Ron Swink made a motion, seconded by Jeremy Sawicki, to approve the minutes of 7/10/2017. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW PLANS AND SUBMISSIONS:

Running Lane Preliminary Land Development Plan and the Minor Subdivision/Lot Combination Plan - Plan fees paid. Twp. Engineer's letter of acceptance received. Silvio Vitiello, owner, represented the plan. Jon Tresslar discussed the possible vacation of a section of Wiscasset Avenue. He indicated that if that section of the road were to be vacated by the Township, the residents living along that road would be left with only one access point to their properties. Mr. Vitiello indicated that PennDOT's highway improvements plan already shows that area being closed off to the residents. Jon Tresslar was not aware of that since the plans he received from the project engineer did not show the closure as part of PennDOT's scope of work. He will review the PennDOT plans in light of this information.

Jeremy Sawicki made a motion, seconded by Bob Demarest, to accept the Running Lane Preliminary Land Development Plan and the Minor Subdivision/Lot Combination Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

DeSaki Hotel Revised Final Plan - Twp. Engineer's letter of acceptance has been received. Jon Tressler indicated that a fire hydrant has been removed on the revised final plan. The Planning

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Commission expressed concern about the removal of the fire hydrant.

Jeremy Sawicki made a motion, seconded by Dennis Purcell, to accept the DeSaki Hotel Final Land Development Plan providing all funding needs are addressed with a professional services agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINAL PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION: None

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Sheldon Kopelson, Commercial Development (Lot 3) - Plan was accepted at the 8/13/2013 P.C. mtg. The configuration of the minor subdivision is dependent on the Rt. 715 realignment. Tabled at the 7/31/2017 P.C. mtg. A resubmission has not occurred. Deadline for consideration extended to 6/30/2018. **SEE MOTION BELOW FOR TABLING.**
2. Spa Castle Land Development - Plan was accepted at the 12/14/2015 P.C. mtg. The Planning Module for this project was rejected by the Commissioners. Planning Review distributed 9/9/2016. Technical Review distributed 11/9/2016. Tabled at the 7/31/2017 P.C. mtg. Deadline for consideration is 10/17/2017. **SEE MOTION BELOW FOR TABLING.**
3. Day Star Holiness Bible Church - Land Development on Learn Road. The plans were administratively accepted at the 2/13/2017 P.C. mtg. Review No. 1 distributed 3/10/2017. Tabled at the 7/31/2017 P.C. mtg. Deadline for consideration extended to 9/12/2017. **SEE MOTION BELOW FOR TABLING.**
4. Pocono Hospitality LDP - The plans were administratively accepted at the 5/8/2017 P.C. mtg. Review No. 1 was distributed 6/7/2017. Tabled at the 7/31/2017 P.C. mtg. Deadline for consideration extended to 10/9/2017. **SEE MOTION BELOW FOR TABLING.**
5. Belanger Minor Subdivision - The plans were administratively accepted at the 6/12/2017 P.C. mtg. Review No. 1 was distributed 6/23/2017. Tabled at the 7/31/2017 P.C. mtg. Deadline for consideration is 9/10/2017. **SEE MOTION BELOW FOR TABLING.**

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Bob Demarest made a motion, seconded by Jeremy Sawicki, to table the Sheldon Kopelson, Commercial Development (Lot 3); Spa Castle Land Development; Day Star Holiness Bible Church; Pocono Hospitality LDP; and Belanger Minor Subdivision Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

SKETCH PLANS: None

PERMITS: None

PLANNING MODULE: None

PRESENTATION OF VARIANCE, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, CONDITIONAL USE, ET AL, APPLICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE: Ellen Gnandt, Commissioner, questioned whether an extension would be needed for Belanger Minor Subdivision Plan. Lisa Pereira indicated that the Planning Commission would discuss this at its next meeting on 8/28/2017, and if the applicant does not grant an extension of time for review of the plan, the plan will be recommended for denial at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeremy Sawicki made a motion, seconded by Bob Demarest, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. until 8/28/2017 at 7:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.