

**POCONO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9th, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

The Pocono Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting was held on March 9th, 2015, at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and opened by Ron Swink at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ron Swink, present; Scott Gilliland, present; Marie Guidry, present; Robert Demarest, present; Robert DeYoung, present; and Jeremy Sawicki, present. The Board welcomed newly appointed member, Dennis Purcell, to the Planning Commission.

Lisa Pereira, Broughal & DeVito LLP, Township Solicitor; Tim Edinger, T&M Associates, Township Engineer; Gina Zuvich, Acting Recording Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMENTS: Chairman Ron Swink noted each visitor has the right to comment at this time or before any action is taken on a matter.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT - G. Schuster introduced Jeff Clapper, Pocono Township's Public Works Director, to the Board.

MINUTES:

J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by S. Gilliland, to approve the minutes of the 02/23/2015 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW PLANS AND SUBMISSIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW: (NONE)

FINAL PLANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Sheldon Kopelson, Planned Residential Development (Lot 1) - Plan accepted at the 8/12/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until 6/30/15. Resubmission made on 1/6/15.

Sheldon Kopelson Commercial Development (Lot 2) - Plan was accepted at the 08/13/13 P.C. meeting. Conditional use hearing held on 8/18/14. Commissioners approved the conditional use at their September 15, 1014 meeting. A Land Development Application has not been submitted. No action required by the Board.

Sheldon Kopelson, Minor Subdivision Plan - Plan was accepted at the 08/13/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until 6/30/15. The configuration of the Lot 3 is dependent on the Route 715 realignment. No new submission has been made.

Sheldon Kopelson, Commercial Development (Lot 3) - Plan was accepted at the 08/13/13 P.C. meeting. A time extension has been granted until 6/30/15. The configuration of the minor subdivision is dependent on the Route 715 realignment. No new submission has been made.

PRELIMINARY CONT:

R. Swink made a motion, seconded by M. Guidry, table the Sheldon Kopelson Planned Residential Development (Lot 1), Minor Subdivision Plan, and Commercial Development (Lot 3). All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**SALDO REVIEW:**

T. Edinger, Township Engineer, presented a roadway map and design standards for roadways. He reviewed the classification of roadways which had traffic counts:

Arterial (>5000 ADT) (80' ROW)	Connector (1001-5000 ADT) (60 ROW)	Collector (501-1000 ADT) (60 ROW)
I-80	PA 715 North	Club House road (1002)
PA 611	Warner RD (4012)	PA 314 East
PA 715 South	Cherry Land Rd (1001)	
314 North	Sullivan Trail (4004)	
PA 314 (0314)		
Camelback Rd (4006)		

Roads of Interest:

Learn Rd. (624)
 Bartonsville Ave. (625)
 Beehler Rd (626)
 Back Mountain Rd (545)
 Shine Hill Rd (536)
 Planning Commission recommended the addition of:
 Gravetts Way
 Summit Rd
 Cranberry Rd
 Brookdale Rd

All other roadways would be classified as local roads with 50 foot ROW.

T. Edinger noted traffic counts cost would be around \$350 to \$500 per day.

M. Guidry questioned the classifications of roadways in the Comprehensive plan. T. Edinger noted he used the classification from the Present Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion on roads of interest followed. T. Edinger requested the Board review the list. T. Edinger noted the Board could make a motion to request the Township Manager, contact the Board of Commissioners for permission to conduct traffic counts on the various roads.

M. Guidry questioned the impact increased right-of-ways on Rt. 611. T. Edinger noted it would not impact present businesses but new development would use the future right-of-way.

S. Gilliland noted Pocono Manor at one time proposed a large development which would have used Back Mountain Road. Discussion on the impact of new development along Rt. 314, Rt. 611, Rt. 715, and Cherry Lane Road.

SALDO CONT:

S. Gilliland made a motion, seconded by J. Sawicki, to request the Township Commissioners to conduct traffic counts on: Learn Rd. (624); Bartonsville Ave. (625); Beehler Rd (626); Brookdale Rd; Back Mountain Rd (545; Shine Hill Rd (536); Gravetts Way; Summit Rd; and Cranberry Rd. All in favor. Motion carried.

S. Gilliland noted the traffic counts should be done before school is out to show the impact of school buses.

S. Gilliland questioned how G. Schuster, Twp. Manager, would transfer the funds to pay for the traffic counts. G. Schuster noted 1st Class Townships cannot make a supplemental appropriation for the first three months of the year.

G. Schuster, Twp. Manager, noted the first step will be to contact contractors and/or Monroe County Planning Commission to pursue the traffic studies. Based upon the cost, he will bring the proposal to the Commissioners and if needed, a supplemental appropriation will be done to pay the cost.

Discussion followed concerning Kalahari's traffic; a connector road in Castle Hill Development which has been closed off; and additional roadways of interest.

T. Edinger requested G. Schuster to make copies of the Liquid Fuels Maps for the board.

J. Sawicki questioned the proposed Official Map and if that could identify future areas of interest.

Doug Olmstead, Twp. resident, suggested the Board contact the Monroe County Planning Commission for traffic information.

T. Edinger requested Jeffry Clapper, Pocono Township Public Works Director to recommend any additional roadways for consideration.

Discussion on Scenic By-ways. L. Pereira, Twp. Solicitor explained Scenic By-way designations and noted it is more restrictive on signage. She stated the formal procedure to apply to PennDOT. She suggested the Board review the maps and make a recommendation at a future meeting. T. Edinger noted it could assist in obtaining grant funding. L. Pereira will supply a list of state-wide Scenic By-ways. G. Schuster informed the Board it can be a long process to designate a Scenic By-way.

J. Sawicki made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. until 04/13/2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Finkbeiner
Township Secretary