

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 17, 2013**

A meeting of the Jackson Township Planning Commission was held on October 17, 2013. Jeffrey Thomas, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Jeffrey Thomas, Mark Werkeiser, Dale Eagon, Ron Padula and Sherri Hower. Sal Caiazzo, P.E. from Hanover Engineering was present. Michelle Arner, SEO and Zoning Officer, was present. Jack Rader, Jr. was present.

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Ron Padula moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2013; second by Dale Eagon, all aye. Minutes approved.

Old Business:

Zoning Amendments, Subdivision & Land Development Amendments

Carson Helfrich was present to review the Regional Zoning Amendments with the members. Carson added that all of the previous and current amendments will be incorporated into one document.

Jack Rader indicated they are looking to pass the amendments in January, 2014. A recommendation from the Planning Commission is sought, hopefully at the next meeting in November. Comments from the Township Engineer, Hanover Engineering have been received; Carson indicated he had already addressed the majority of the Engineer's comments. Also, it is appropriate to forward the proposed amendments to the County Planning Commission for their technical review.

Carson explained that most of the changes involve regional uses and definitions. All five municipalities who are participating (Chestnuthill, Jackson, Eldred, Ross and Polk) will have matching definitions.

The sections of the SALDO mostly involve definitions. The Zoning Ordinance changes are shown in red.

The section related to intermunicipal cooperation is based on the Regional Comprehensive Plan and will be identical in all the five municipalities. This is consistent with the State Planning Code, allowing for the regionalization of uses. Jackson Township has their fair share of regional uses and most are directed to the Industrial Zone. The location of the Industrial Zone was reviewed. Certain uses would involve regional review. Some new standards were added. Carson suggested the members pay attention to the new uses, where the word 'add' is used. There was some discussion about the existing junkyards in the Township. Some other uses were clarified and simplified. There was some discussion and clarification about no-impact home based business and the difference from Home Occupation.

There was some discussion about an Official Map, which has not been officially adopted. Engineer's comments related to road classifications and specifications were reviewed. Carson will make the recommended changes. Carson offered to be available for questions or comments.

New Business: Dale Eagon brought up the topic of firearms in the municipal building. Jack Rader believes they are not allowed in the building and this is subject to State and/or Federal law. Several scenarios were discussed. Dale brought up the topic of 'Pot Industry Rules'. After some discussion, it followed that state control will supercede any local laws.

Correspondence: none

Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Dale Eagon, second by Ron Padula. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Arner

Recording Secretary