



HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes 2-29-16

Planning Commission members present: Teena Bailey, Patti Fenstermacher, Sidney German, Priscilla Brennan and Rodney Schlauch Jr. Also present was Janice Meyers. Douglas Tietze and Mark Steidinger were absent.

In the absence of the chair and vice-chair, Rodney Schlauch Jr. nominated Teena Bailey as acting chair, seconded by Sidney German. Motion carried.

Motion by Sidney German, seconded by Patti Fenstermacher to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Plan Review Unfinished Business:

None

Priscilla Brennan joined the meeting at 7:40pm. Teena Bailey stepped down as acting chair and Priscilla Brennan led the meeting as vice-chair.

Plan Review New Business:

None

Other Business:

1. Review zoning ordinance amendments. The members reviewed the proposed ordinance #2016-__ – amending sections of the zoning ordinance and renaming a road and the LVPC letter dated 2/26/16. Comments:
 1. The members strongly suggest moving the commercial stable use from special exception use to permitted use. Riding club is a permitted use and similar the commercial stable use.
 2. Regarding item 6. Code Section 27-1004.1 – They recommend keeping the “25% of home” wording in reference to a low-impact home based business.
 3. In reference to the LVPC letter Provision 6, the members understand the LVPC concerns and suggest the low-impact home based business ordinance should allow the property owner to use his property for a residence and also for a business to offset costs of living. They feel that the proposed change regarding the accessory structure will do this and that section 27-1004.6 will eliminate businesses that may change the character of the neighborhood or cause a nuisance. The members feels

that allowing businesses owned by the resident of a property will help save farmland and open space since two uses can be accomplished on one parcel.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion by Rodney Schlauch Jr., seconded by Teena Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Meyers
Recording Secretary