

**WALES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Present; John Minor; Gayle Perry; Larry Thomson; Kevin Watkins, David Jewell
Absent: , David Basnaw excused; Nicole Downey excused.
Also present: Recording Secretary Judy Duncan and no members of the public.

AGENDA: **Motion** by Minor, second by Watkins, to approve agenda with the additions of memo from Supervisor Masters on webinar training under Correspondence; and review of the Township Recreation Plan under New Business. Five ayes, two absent; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Minor, second by Watkins, to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2018 April 16, 2018 Public Hearing and Workshop session meeting, as presented. Five ayes, two absent; motion carried.

QUESTIONS from the public on agenda items. None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Notice of adoption of Kenockee Township Master Plan. Plan submitted for perusal.
- B. Pipeline safety information from DCP Midstream Pipeline Co.
- C. Information on webinar training sessions. Board of Trustees considering arranging for web-based training for Township officials and employees.
- D. Memo from Supervisor Masters. Informing Commissioners that the Board has obtained and approved for members' use of MTA Webinar classes, and encouraging them to take advantage of them. Minor added that Pastor Steven Anderson of Mt. Pleasant Church is offering Planning Commission members the use of the church's wi-fi system to take the classes. His phone contact is 515-520-7566. The Township Hall is also available during business hours.

GUEST PRESENTATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Resume review of Wales Master Plan at page 84. Minor presented his idea of reading the Plan, stopping as questions or comments arose. He explained the history of the last Master Plan review. Thomson explained the difference between "taxing", "zoning", and "use", as used in the Master Plan when referring to real property. There was talk of trying to preserve farmland. Watkins agreed that maintaining open spaces is hard to achieve. Minor spoke about creeks being considered "natural" or "drains". Thomson informed the group that the proposed Solar Ordinance may come back to the Planning Commission for more review. Minor explained "plattling", and why those lots are so tiny. There was discussion on lagoon systems. On page 88, it was brought up that part of our area designated "Multiple Family Residential" has been rezoned for the sand mining enterprise. The project has been abandoned, but the zoning has not been changed. It was also mentioned that Goodells County Park has added 90 acres to it's space. Minor would like to see something done in Lambs to allow more than single family homes.

Perry suggested that the workshop session be ended at 8:30. It was asked that “workshop session” be added to the January Regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Review of the Recreation Plan. Minor said the Recreation Plan was created by the Planning Commission, and it’s up to that body to review and update it. If it is not brought up-to-date, it cannot be considered for many of the grants otherwise available. Minor wants the Professional Planner to review the existing plan and report back to the Commission, much as he did with the proposed Solar plan. There has been talk of having a joint Planning Commission – Parks Advisory Committee meeting. Thomson said he was Chair of the Planning Commission when the plan was created, and thinks it’s a good idea for the two bodies to meet. It was requested to have discussion on the Recreation Plan placed on the agenda of the January meeting.
- B. Set dates for workshop sessions

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Thomson, second by Jewell, to adjourn. Five ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Next regular meeting date TUESDAY,-January 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Duncan, Recording Secretary