

# Upper Gwynedd Township

## Planning Commission

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**July 2, 2018**

The July 2, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were:

Sam Miller	President
John Lancaster	Vice President
John Klein	Secretary
Gilbert Silverman	Member
Chris Carroll	Member
Ken Weirman	Member
Kathryn Carlson	Member
Scott Bachman	Member
E. Van Rieker	Zoning Officer
Colleen Tronoski	Planning Secretary

### **1. Call to Order**

The June 2018 Planning Commission was called to order by Mr. Miller at 7:30 pm.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2018**

Mr. Miller, asked for any questions relative to the Minutes of June 2018, which had been circulated by email. Mr. Lancaster made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Klein seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2018.

### **3. Report of Commissioners Meetings**

Mrs. Hull reported that at the Workshop, the Commissioners officially amended the Conditional Use Approval for Cottage Avenue. The sound wall was replaced with a fence. At the Public Meeting, the LED Sign Amendment was passed. The Administrative Personnel changes – Mike Lapinski was officially appointed as Township Manager and Alex Kaker has been appointed Assistant Township Manager and also will continue as head of Park & Rec.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **A. Sumneytown Pike Overlay District**

Mr. Miller noted that the Board received a report from the site review committee. Mr. Bachman stated that the site review committee went out on June 28<sup>th</sup> to walk the area. The properties are on Sumneytown Pike and consist of mixed zoning from R2 to Institutional. The committee concluded that it was a good location for the overlay district. He noted that its flat and there is sufficient room for sidewalks. Mr. Klein noted that near the nursing facility there is a huge pond. Mr. Silverman asked about the map, The Jeppy properties, are they good example? Mr. Rieker noted that it was a convenient aerial image to use. If this is adopted this is where the apartment use could be located. Mr. Rieker also stated that this is a reflection from some residents to do something with lots that are vacant or underutilized. The draft has been sent to the county. This is a nonaction item tonight. Would like to look at the county review letter first. Mr. Miller asked if there was a motion to table this item. Mr. Weirman made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Mr. Carroll. The recommendation to table this item was unanimous.

**5. New Business**

**A. Proposed Zoning Amendment: Consumer Fireworks Sales in The SC Shopping Center District**

Mr. Rieker said that the draft will be sent to the county after this meeting. The draft was prepared by the Solicitors office to reflect upon the legislature that had created the definition of and required that townships permit consumer fireworks. The Commonwealth has said that this is to define consumer fireworks and then indicate where they are permitted to be sold in Upper Gwynedd. Upper Gwynedd Township requires a Use and Occupancy Permit and follow the requirement of the Act in terms of certification. The only district where their sale would be permitted is the Shopping Center District. Mr. Miller asked if there was a motion to table this item. Mr. Silverman made a motion to table this item. It was seconded by Mrs. Carlson. The recommendation to table this item was unanimous.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business for discussion, Mr. Miller asked for any further questions or comments. Upon hearing none, Mr. Silverman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted



John Klein  
Secretary