

**Barrett Township Planning Commission
April 1, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the Municipal Building on Route 390 in Mountainhome, Pa.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Brick Linder.

Present: Brick Linder, Jim Siglin, Jeff Siglin, Patti O'Keefe, Charles Fullington, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Jeryl Rinehart and the public.

It was noted that no correspondence was received.

The meeting minutes from March 4, 2015 were reviewed. As there were no corrections or additions, the meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

New Business:

a. Roy and Sheila Clark, Gross Estates, Route 390, Minor Subdivision, Martin and Robbins Surveying – Terry Martin was present to discuss the minor subdivision plan. It was noted that the minor subdivision plan was approved in November, 2014 and a non-building waiver was added to the plan at the time. Planning Modules Component 2 and 4 have been prepared to be submitted to the PA DEP to eliminate the non-building waiver. Brick Linder made a motion to execute the Component 4A of the Planning Modules and recommend approval of the Planning Modules as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Siglin and carried. All Members voted aye.

Old Business:

a. It was noted that there was no old business.

Old Business (tabled):

a. It was noted that the Estates at Seese Hill – Kal Tac, Inc. has been granted the time extension by the Supervisors until December 31, 2016 and continues to be tabled.

Sketch Plans:

a. It was noted that there was no new sketch plans.

Planning:

a. The Planning Commission reviewed the Final Draft Sign Ordinance and made the following recommendations:

- 1) To put *A-Frame or Sandwich Board Sign* back in the Definition Section.
- 2) To put all specific terms or different types of signs in the Definition Section and add the word in the Definition Section multiple times if they are nestled under a subcategory like "Portable Signs".
- 3) To remove Section 13, Non-Residential Districts, Subsection C.4 and keep Section 7, Subsection E because they contradict each other and eliminate any references to roof signs which would be prohibited.
- 4) To further look into and discuss Section 6, Administration and Enforcement, Subsection G, Violations says "*Any sign which is not in compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, has not been certified or registered as non-conforming or that has not received a permit from the Zoning Officer within one (1) year of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be deemed in violation...*)

Discussion was held on removing the one (1) year time limit and possibly putting in the Ordinance that “No permit will be issued to the property owner of a non-conforming sign unless the sign has been registered or removed.”

5) To remove the wording in the parenthesis (*except as permitted in §XX-15*) of Section 8, Prohibited Sign, Subsection A, Animated, Moving and Flashing Signs.

6) To remove Section 15. Electronic Message Centers (EMCs) or Signs and move it to Section 8. Prohibited Signs.

7) To remove Section 14. Off-Premises Outdoor Advertising Signs and Billboards, Subsection I, Digital Billboards and move it to Section 8, Prohibited Signs.

8) To define or provide an explanation for Section 8, Subsection K. Mobile billboards.

9) To put “*Digital Billboard Signs*” in the Definitions.

10) To put Section 9, Exempt Signs, Subsection O. Signs on Vehicles into Section 8, Prohibited Signs.

It was noted that the Members thought the existing Sign Ordinance is superior to this Ordinance and should have been revised or amended and not completely discarded.

As there was no further business or public comment, Brick Linder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff Siglin and carried. All Members voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,