

Barrett Township Planning Commission
March 4, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Barrett Township Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, March 4, 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, Solicitor Todd Weitzmann, Township Engineer Jon Tresslar, Jeryl Rinehart and the public. Charles Fullington and Patti O’Keefe were absent.

It was noted that correspondence was received from Boucher and James, Inc., Monroe County Conservation District and Monroe County Planning Commission.

The meeting minutes from January 7, 2015 were reviewed. As there were no corrections or additions, the meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

New Business:

a. Barrett Elementary School, Route 390, Conditional Use Application – Andrew Bohl from Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc., Rodney Fenstermacher from Presbyterian Senior Living, Reverend George Alt and Cathleen Needham from The Shepherds of Monroe County, Inc. and Attorney Marc Wolfe were present to discuss the Conditional Use Application for the Barrett Elementary School. The Shepherds of Monroe County, Inc. has submitted the application to allow for the construction of multifamily dwellings within the Mixed Use – Village Zoning District. The Pocono Mountain School District is owner of the properties. Parcel 01/17/1/50-1 has an area of 26.03 acres and includes an existing building with associated parking and recreational areas. The property is served by an existing sanitary sewer field and on-lot well. Parcel 01/17/1/63 includes Thompson Way and existing athletic fields. These properties take access from Route 390 via Thompson Way. The proposed development will take place on Parcel 01/17/1/50-1 and will include the conversion of the existing building into a 40 unit age restricted multifamily residential building. Also proposed is the construction of eight (8), 6,500 square foot seven (7) unit age restricted multifamily residential buildings. Associated parking and access ways are proposed and will take access from Thompson Way. Township Engineer Jon Tresslar’s Review Letter No.1, dated March 4, 2015 was reviewed and the items were discussed.

The Planning Commission made the following recommendations:

- To contact the Fire Chief to get suggestions on fire protection due to the distance from any fire hydrants located near Route 390.**
- To relocate proposed Buildings G and H due to the close proximity to the property line.**
- To consider the buffering and lighting due to the site being located in residential area.**
- To consider the property only having one access and the legality of the right of way.**
- To consider any future projects to not be income controlled.**
- To allow the continued use of the property for the Fire Company and Medivac extractions.**
- To consider allowing the community to continue using the entrance road and loop for walking and exercise.**
- To consider allowing the children and the community to use the baseball/athletic fields.**

Brick Linder made a motion to recommend the approval of the conditional use application as submitted and request that consideration be given for the topics that have been discussed and the recommendations of Township Engineer Jon Tresslar's Review No. 1 letter. 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.**

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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. It was noted that there was no planning items.**

As there was no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,