

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
In Person and Via Zoom**



March 1, 2022- 7 p.m.
1481 East College Avenue, State College, PA 16801
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PRESENT: Ray Forziat, Chair
Ed Darrah, Vice Chair
Peggy Ekdahl, Secretary
Robert Hoffman
Jenn Landry

EXCUSED: Bill Sharp
William J. McKibbin

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Magro, Senior Support Specialist/Engineering
Planning Commission Recording Secretary
Donald M. Franson, P.E., P.L.S, Township Engineer
Mark Gabrovsek, Township Zoning Officer
Lindsay Schoch, AICP, Township Principal Planner

GUESTS: Trish Meek, AICP, Sr. Transportation Planner, Centre Regional
Planning Agency

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Forziat called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL: Ms. Magro read the zoom meeting protocol.

ROLL CALL: A moment of silence was observed for the people of Ukraine.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Nothing presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Mr. Darrah moved to approve the February 14, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

SP-1 Bicycle Parking Regulations

Trish Meek, Sr. Planner with the Centre Regional Planning Agency gave a presentation on the importance of incorporating bike parking into Township ordinance. She explained that cycling has taken off over the past few years and with that, there is more and more demand for a safe place to park and store bikes.

She discussed the various types of bike racks, the types of parking i.e. short and long term and the importance of keeping the bikes safe from the elements and from theft. Ms. Meek also discussed Patton Township's new bike parking ordinance, based on a change lab model ordinance. She discussed the calculation for determining bike parking spaces and gave examples from around the region. PC members inquired about the calculations, and the actual demand for bike parking. Ms. Meek will provide PC members with copies of the Patton, Ferguson and State College Borough bike parking ordinances.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan (Section 5)

Ms. Schoch presented Section 5 of the Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan. Discussion was held on the granting of waivers for sidewalks and Mr. Hoffman stated that developers should be told in the beginning that sidewalks are required under the ordinance and unless engineering deemed it infeasible, the sidewalk shall be constructed. Other options may be presented, i.e. in lieu of, deferment. Mr. Darrah discussed the matrix and indicated that the investment was not defined. He also remarked that with some of the recent sidewalk discussions on land development, a waiver would not have been a possibility due to the scoring system. He also discussed that some of the prioritizations may not be developed and would burden the Township with cost of construction. Inflation and the rising cost of construction materials and the effect on enforcement was a concern of the PC, and Mr. Franson stated that the price would be defined per linear square foot based on inflation. He also indicated that any such fees/cost could be listed in Chapter A-230 which fees are easily changed via resolution. Ms. Landry offered that the matrix should match the plan and be easy to read.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing presented.

REPORTS: Nothing presented.

STAFF INFOMATIVES: PC members received the March 1, 2022, Planning and Zoning Update and approved Council minutes.

OTHER MATTERS: Nothing presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Forziat acknowledged the departure of Ms. Magro from the Township. PC members thanked her for her service to the Township and her help with the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: *Mr. Hoffman moved to adjourn. Mr. Darrah seconded. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Linda L. Magro

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