

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 3, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:30 P.M. (E.S.T.)

Meeting Place: Township Municipal Building, 50 Powell Road, Springfield PA 19064

Members Present: Mr. Gorgone, Ms. Cook, Mr. Gosselin, Mrs. Burkhart, Mr. Base & Ms. Siletsky.

Also Present: Bill Cervino, Zoning Officer

Motion: Ms. Cook made a motion, second by Ms. Siletsky, to approve the March 1, 2011 minutes as noted.

Roll Call Vote on

Motion: Mr. Gorgone	■ AYE	□ NAY
Ms. Cook	■ AYE	□ NAY
Mr. Gosselin	■ AYE	□ NAY
Mrs. Burkhart	■ AYE	□ NAY
Mr. Base	■ AYE	□ NAY
Ms. Siletsky	■ AYE	□ NAY

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- The first order of business was the Zoning Amendments to Chapter 143 entitled “Zoning”, Article XVII entitled “accessory uses, buildings and structures.

Mr. Cervino was present and indicated the following:

- The purpose of the amendment is to reduce the profile of a garage/car port from 18’ to 12’.
- A detached garage/car port is permitted to have a setback of 3’ from side and rear property lines (143-111.D)
- An 18’ high wall elevation in such proximity to an abutting property is deemed excessive.
- The amendment affords property owners the opportunity to seek a Special Exception to construct a garage/car port having a height of 18’ maximum.
- The Special Exception process will allow abutting property owners an opportunity to express potential concerns regarding the height of the structure.

- Also, through this process, the Zoning Hearing Board may impose safeguards to buffer the facades of a structure that are adjacent to abutting properties.

Motion: Mr. Gosselin made a motion, second by Mr. Base, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the amendments to Chapter 143, entitled “Zoning”, of the code of ordinances by amending article XVII, entitled “accessory uses, buildings and structures,” section 111(1), to provide the maximum height of private garages in every residential district shall be twelve (12’) feet.

Roll Call Vote on

Motion:	Mr. Gorgone	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Ms. Cook	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Mr. Gosselin	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Mrs. Burkhart	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Mr. Base	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Ms. Siletsky	■ AYE	□ NAY

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- Mr. Gorgone entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Cook made a motion, second by Ms. Siletsky, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote on

Motion:	Mr. Gorgone	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Ms. Cook	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Mr. Gosselin	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Mrs. Burkhart	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Mr. Base	■ AYE	□ NAY
	Ms. Siletsky	■ AYE	□ NAY

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:45P.M. (E.S.T.)