

UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

April 25, 2024

The April 2024 meeting of the Upper Frederick Township Planning Commission was called to order by Mr. Marriot at 7:00 PM.

Township Representative in Attendance: Ed Theurkauf, Robert Marriot, Ed Myers, Daniel Buck Reed, Vicki Kushto, Solicitor; Kate Hanna, Record Keeper

Public Attendance: Lois & Dave Hoffman, Tracy Harper, Kevin Murray

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Marriot made the motion to approve the January 25, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

New Business:

1. Introduction of the Solicitor for the PC

Ms. Kusto from Clemons, Richter and Reiss introduced herself and gave some background information on herself and her firm.

2. Reorganization

Ms. Kusto, acting as temporary chairman, opened the reorganization meeting and called for nominations for Planning Commission Chairman. Mr. Reed nominated Mr. Marriot. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Calling for any other nominations and hearing none, Ms. Kusto called for a motion to close nominations

3. Discussion of the topics/goals the PC would like to work on for 2024

A lengthy discussion took place on what the goals and topics the Planning Commission would like to work on for 2024.

- a. Water Quality issues
- b. Reviewing and possibly revising the Comprehensive Plan
- c. Reviewing Zoning Ordinances
- d. Revising the Building Codes

Old Business

1. Perkiomen Consortium

Mr. Myers went to the Perkiomen Consortium. He gave an overview of what was discussed at this meeting. Topics discussed included - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination - IDDE, PFAS – forever chemicals in drinking water, Stream Restoration and Stormwater retention basins.

2. Adaptive reuse Standards for Historic Homes

Mr. Theurkauf gave an overview of the proposed ordinance as Upper Frederick does not currently have one. The Comprehensive Plan identifies some historic properties so adopting an ordinance would be beneficial. Properties that would be listed would have advantages to zoning ordinances and additional uses for their property. This ordinance could be an incentive to owners to preserve some of the older structures in the township. It would start with the properties named in the Comprehensive Plan. A hearing process would be needed to add more properties. It was suggested that the Planning Commission review this document and discuss revisions at a later meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Marriot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.