

MINUTES
WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021
6:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Manheim Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Jim Myers, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was also held virtually through the GoToMeeting video conferencing software.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and the following Commission Members were present: Chairman Jim Myers, Jeff Brown, Darrell Raubenstine, Jay Weisensale, Township Manager Michael Bowersox, and Miriam Clapper, recording secretary. Andy Hoffman and Township Engineer Cory McCoy were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2021

Jay Weisensale made a motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2021, seconded by Jeff Brown.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Jim Myers acknowledged the Planning Commission did not receive any correspondence.

VISITORS

Chairman Jim Myers asked if there was anyone present or online that wished to address the Commission and received no reply.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

Chairman Myers asked if anyone present wanted to discuss an item not listed on the Agenda and received no reply.

ZONING MATTER

Zoning Officer Michael Bowersox reported that the Zoning Hearing Board will hear two variance requests on April 27, 2021. He told the Planning members that one request was to operate a dog kennel in a residential area and the other was for the rear setbacks for the Prinland Heights Subdivision.

Zoning Officer Michael Bowersox also informed the Planning members that the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors denied J. A. Myers Builders request to place dumpsters throughout the Homestead Acres Subdivision.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS - None.

SIGNING OF APPROVED PLANS - None.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Waiver request from Scott Wasserman, 120 Lindsay Lane, Hanover, PA

1. Waiver request from the West Manheim Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance §235-51

(E) Driveways must be located in a safe relationship to sight distance and barriers to vision. The drive may not exceed a slope of 5% within 25 feet of the street right-of-way line. Driveways shall not exceed 15% slope. Where a drive enters a bank through a cut, the shoulders of the cut may not exceed 50% in slope within 25 feet of the point the drive intersects the right-of-way. The safe sight distance at each driveway shall not be less than the distances found in Chapter 441 of Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code, as amended.

Mr. Wasserman came before the Planning Commission seeking a favorable recommendation to his waiver request from the West Manheim Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance §235-51 (E) Driveways. He told the Planning members that he installed a 10 feet by 20 feet shed and would like to put in a small driveway to the shed to avoid driving his ATV and tractor over his existing lawn. The driveway measures 72 feet long and 10 feet wide. He explained that the driveway will start at the top of the cul-de-sac and come down to the shed then doglegs to the left.

After answering all questions put forth by the Planning Commission members, Chairman Myers asked for a motion on the request.

Darrell Raubenstine made a motion for a favorable recommendation to the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors to grant the waiver request to the West Manheim Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance §235-51 (E) Driveways, seconded by Jeff Brown. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jim Myers acknowledged that there was no one from the public or attending through GoToMeeting present.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Commission is Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Jay Weisensale made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Jeff Brown. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Miriam E. Clapper, Recording Secretary

Chairman