

**LOWER OXFORD TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 25, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Planning Commission was held at the Township Building, 220 Township Road, on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

**Members:**

Kevin Martin, Chairman	A	John Williams, Vice-Chairman	P
Joel Brown	P	Larry Moran	P
John Walsh	P	Jay Stout	P
Bill Lewis	A	Debbie Kinney, Zoning Officer/Secretary	P

**Public:**

Jerry Iler	Harold Dunkle	
Robin Iler	Sally Dunkle	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman, John Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chairman, John Williams, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

**RECOGNITION OF THOSE ASKING TO APPEAR ON AGENDA**

- None.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*Joel Brown made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 28, 2015. Seconded by Jay Stout. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

### **Subdivision & Land Development Plans**

- None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Proposed Zoning Ordinance - Chickens**

#### **Keeping of Poultry**

Notwithstanding the prohibitions of this section, hens may be kept as an accessory use to single-family dwellings subject to the following regulations:

1. A maximum of twelve (12) hens may be kept on each two (2) acre parcel where there is a single-family dwelling.
2. Roosters are prohibited.
3. All hens must be maintained in a fully enclosed shelter with a fenced and covered enclosure, which may only be located in the rear yard. The shelter must provide a minimum of two square feet per hen, meet all applicable setback requirements in the Zoning Ordinance, and be a minimum of 25 feet from all dwellings and all property lines. The fenced enclosure must have a minimum of four square feet per hen.
4. It shall be unlawful for the owner of the hens to allow the same to run at large upon any public land, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, roads, alleys, parks, or upon another person's private property.
5. All owners of hens must maintain sanitary living conditions for the hens so that the keeping of hens does not become a public or private nuisance. The owners shall not allow feces from the hens to accumulate on the owner's land such that it becomes a nuisance caused by odors.
6. All feed, which is stored on the property, must be kept in rodent proof closed containers.

The Planning Commission had no comments on the chicken ordinance and agreed that it should be passed onto the Board of Supervisors.

Jerry Iler stated that he thinks this ordinance is a good step forward. He would also like to see a reasonable penalty for those that may be in violation.

Mr. & Mrs. Dunkle are happy to see this ordinance regarding chickens to move forward.

- **Conditional Use Application - Justin Kreider - 245 Whiteside Drive, Oxford, PA**
  - The Planning Commission stated they were in agreement that the Conditional Use for a limited light industrial production of shavings for agricultural bedding should be moved onto the Board of Supervisors.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jerry Iler thanked the Planning Commission for reviewing the chicken ordinance.

**Adjournment**

*Larry Moran made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Joel Brown. All in favor. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah J. Kinney".

Deborah J. Kinney, Secretary