

**LOWER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 27, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Planning Commission was held at the Township Building, 220 Township Road, on Thursday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Members:

John Williams, Chairman	P	Bill Lewis, Vice-Chairman	P
Larry Moran, Secretary	P	Joel Brown	P
Taylor Wilson	P	Jay Stout	P
Kevin Martin	A	Jake DeWees (Alternate)	P
Debbie Kinney, Zoning Officer/Secretary	P		

Public:

None.		

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

RECOGNITION OF THOSE ASKING TO APPEAR ON AGENDA

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Bill Lewis made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 25, 2017. Seconded by Larry Moran. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Subdivision & Land Development Plans

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- **Family Farm Related Business or School (FFRBS) §1417C.(1)**

- The Planning Commission review ordinances change for the Family Farm Related Business or School from 20 contiguous acres to 10 contiguous acres.

Larry Moran made a motion to recommend the change of the Family Farm Related Business or School to ten contiguous acres from twenty contiguous acres to keep in conformance with Lower Oxford Township's farm definition of ten acres. Seconded by Bill Lewis. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

- **FEMA Ordinance**

- The Planning Commission reviewed the FEMA Ordinance from the Solicitor. Discussion took place around concern of the penalty in §3.09(B) that a fine "of not less than twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)" is a significant difference. Mr. Williams questioned what would warrant a \$25 fine vs. a \$600 fine. The Planning Commission discussed that the range in the fines should start at a minimum of \$300 and not more than \$600, due to the fact that if there is a floodplain violation, the small fee of \$25 may not be enough penalty to stop the violation from re-occurring.

John Williams made a motion to recommend the approval of the FEMA Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors with the consideration of changing §3.09(B) that a fine "of not less than twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)" be changed to "of not less than three-hundred (\$300.00) nor more than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)". Seconded by Jay Stout. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

- NONE

Adjournment

Larry Moran made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Bill Lewis. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



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