

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
GENERAL MEETING
June 10, 2013**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brooks Durham, Chairman
Jim Jordan
Barbara Iacovelli
Ryan Estrata
John Connors
Tim Boswell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teresa DeStefano, Recording Secretary
Stacey Fuller, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Jordan called the meeting of the Planning Commission (PC) to order at 7:00 PM in the Township meeting room and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brooks Durham made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 8, 2013 PC meeting. Jim Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM:

1. Review Small Domestic Animals Draft Ordinance

Jim Jordan mentioned that the Board of Supervisors sent a draft the ordinance for livestock so the Planning Commission can give there reviews. Currently our ordinance requires 5 acres or more and under that is a little ambiguous. Basically the draft is a mixture of surrounding Townships that permit livestock on less than 5 acres.

Barbara Iacovelli was concern about the wording on what are small domestic animals.

Stacey Fuller noted that a domestic animal is how you define it in the ordinance.

The discussions continue on the impact having chickens and small domestic animals in the community and long term value of properties and the effect it will have in the neighborhoods in our Township.

Brody Bovero noted that lot size may not be an issue as long as you meet the setbacks. The issues that the Township will be dealing with are sound and smell.

Jim Jordan was concern about residents that already have chickens now with no issues and with this ordinance they will not meet the setbacks.

The discussion continued with the concern and question on what is defined about what is a nuisance. After consideration just add the following: “as define in the Townships current noise ordinance”.

Barbara Iacovelli made a motion to approve the Draft Ordinance as prepared by Brody Bovero for Small Domestic Animals with the following changes as discussed tonight: All in Section A, under (1) delecting net and adding gross. Under (3) deleting the 2 or’s and adding gross and and. Brooks Durham seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Jim Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Barbara Iacovelli seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday July 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Thornbury Township meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa DeStefano
Recording Secretary