

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 3, 2023

The Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission held their monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford, PA at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Members present: Elizabeth Randolph, David Underwood, Colin Kraucunas, Karl Herr and Jane Daggett, Secretary.

Others present: Scott Rugen, Howard Reyburn and Jack Hawk.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Colin Kraucunas at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES – Karl Herr asked what the discussion regarding “solar” was about during our last month’s meeting. Solar farming developments and solar agriculture is presently taking place in some area. This is something we will need to discuss in the near future and research sample ordinances. A few residents have already been approached to put panels on their acreage. Scott mentioned one problem that they are finding is when herbicides are used under the panels. The soils can be heavily damaged. Scott will provide a link if the Planning Commission wants to research this further.

Elizabeth suggested we strike part of the sentence from last month’s minutes in the Daniel Stoltzfus paragraph. The part to be stricken is as follows: after alliance for Chesapeake Bay “if he was interested in a 50’ stream buffer instead of the 35’ buffer he initially said would be put in”.. The sentence will now read as follows:

“The Planning Commission encouraged Mr. Stoltzfus to contact the Alliance for Chesapeake Bay about riparian buffers.”

Motion was made by Dave Underwood, seconded by Elizabeth Randolph and carried to approve the March 6, 2023 Minutes with corrections. MOTION CARRIED.

DANIEL S. AND MARY S. STOLTZFUS – A verification letter was received from Team Ag stating that they recently completed an NRCS Level Conservation Plan for the operations owned and operated by Daniel and Joseph Stoltzfus. The Planning Commission is waiting for their engineer to submit a revised plan.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Randolph, seconded by Karl Herr and carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they accept and grant an extension for the review of Daniel and Mary Stoltzfus plan . MOTION CARRIED.

HISTORIC COMMISSION DRAFT ORDINANCE – The Board of Supervisors will hold a work session April 24, 2023 to discuss the draft historic ordinance which was presented to the Planning Commission by Blair Fleischmann. Blair will be asked to attend the work session also. Dave Underwood has volunteered to re-type the draft.

JACK HAWK - 4492 Newark Road was presented and discussed with the Planning Commission the problems he is having with the large trucks hitting the wall that is on the edge of his property when they go to make the turn at Route 896 and Homeville Road. Mr. Hawk was informed that they are both State roads and suggested he contact Representative John Lawrence and the State Police regarding this issue. Another suggestion would be if it is considered a historic district, if any resources would be available to help with this.

FEE STRUCTURE – to riparian buffer is another item which will need to be discussed by the PC.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Elizabeth Randolph, seconded by Dave Underwood and carried unanimously to adjourn at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett, Secretary

