

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 3, 2021**

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, May 3, 2021.

Members present: Karl Herr, Lynn Robinson, David Underwood, Elizabeth Randolph and Jane Daggett, Secretary

Others present: Scott Rugen and Charles Fleischmann

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Karl Herr.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Karl Herr, seconded by Lynn Robinson and carried to approve the April 5, 2021 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING HEARING – John Stoltzfus and Annie King Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Discussion was held regarding the section in the zoning ordinance requiring 20 acres for a school. Supervisor Scott Rugen mentioned that the Board of Supervisors plan to change that the number of acres when we amend our zoning ordinances. Additionally, the number of students permitted in an Amish school house will be increased. Supervisor Rugen explained that the original plan was to place the school on Saw Mill Road with the play area located on eased grounds. The County informed the Amish School Board that this is not allowed. Plans were then made to move the school to Rock Woods Road.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Supervisor Rugen stated that he will be attending the Historic Commission meeting on May 4, 2021. He will present a sample ordinance from Schuylkill Township on Historic Resource Protection Standards and additionally other historic resources to start a dialogue on historic preservation and how we can move forward on protecting the resources in Upper Oxford Township.

RIPARIAN BUFFER – This is at the County for review. A courtesy copy will be sent to ORPC when we receive the comments back from Chester County. Additionally, the Supervisors will also amend steep slopes and are considering having one set of definition for everything. Supervisor Fleischmann is checking into this. Our Steep Slopes need some wording clarification. The Supervisors are also still talking about Woodlands Protection.

ORPC – will be reviewing their Comprehensive Plan as required by law.

CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY – no news, still in the Courts

WATER PROBLEMS – Supervisor Fleischmann stated that the township might be able to get some help with this from the “Low Volume Road and Dirt and Gravel Road Program”.

TRAFFIC PLANNING – Supervisor Reyburn is attending meetings regarding traffic planning and keeping the other two Supervisors informed. Talks of plans to bypass Oxford from south of Route 472 to the Landhope Farm along with on/off ramps to Route 1 at Hopewell or Forge Road. However, Penn Dot stated that this most likely will not happen. A huge mushroom operation is being planned on Chrome Road. ORPC is having discussions on centralizing mushroom composting facilities for spent compost. Many of the present facilities are illegal.

SOLAR FARMS – Elizabeth Randolph mentioned that farmers have been approached by Solar Industries regarding solar energy. The Planning Commission members will research private farms vs. community solar farms.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Dave Underwood, seconded by Lynn Robinson and carried to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett, Secretary