

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 5, 2020**

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, October 5, 2020.

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

Others present: Scott Rugen

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

MINUTES – Motion was made by Dave Underwood, seconded by Colin Kraucunas and carried to approve the June 1, 2020 Minutes, the July 16, 2020 Minutes, the August 3, 2020 Minutes and the September 8, 2020 Minutes.
MOTION CARRIED.

SAMUEL ESCH PLANNING MODULE – was reviewed by the Planning Commission and Component 4A was signed by the Chairman, Karl Herr.

RESIGNATION – Chairman, Karl Herr has been in contact with Harold Bryson, Planning Commission Member, who has informed Karl that he would no longer be able to serve as a Planning Commission Member. Harold started on the Planning Commission in 1967. The Planning Commission members discussed some possibilities of persons who would be willing to serve on the Planning Commission as a replacement for Harold.

HISTORIC PRESERVATIONS – Scott Rugen filled the Planning Commission in regards to Historic Preservations. Presently the Township has no tools to protect historic structures. Scott mentioned that there is a very good article about protecting historic structures in the Chester County Ledger regarding establishing an ordinance for protection. The Oxford Regional Planning is currently looking into this also. Scott is a member of the Oxford Regional Historic Committee. Under the Constitution we are obligated to preserve historic structures. Sample ordinances will be forwarded to the Planning Commission in the near future.

RIPARIAN BUFFER – Scott gave the members an update on the status of the riparian buffer. The Supervisors are still working on the draft. After we finalize the draft, it will need to go back to the township solicitor and the Chester County Planning Commission for review, after which time the township can hold a hearing.

WOODLAND PROTECTION STANDARDS AND FORESTRY/TIMBER HARVEST PROVISIONS – Sample ordinances of these two items were given to the Planning Commission for review. Member, Elizabeth Randolph forwarded an email with her comments. Elizabeth feels that Chester County Conservation District is sufficient for Timber Harvesting controls and regulations. Discussion was held regarding the 16 square miles of woodlands that are in Upper Oxford Township. The Township is trying to be proactive by drafting such ordinances. ORPC is working on this also. Brandywine Conservancy prepared this for all interested townships. If timber harvest is allowed, replacement vegetation is required. The members will review the drafts more thoroughly.

WIDDOWSON ROAD – New resident, Chris Housser presented a plan to fix Widdowson Road which the township forwarded to our engineer, Ron Ragan. Ron informed the Supervisors that the plan submitted by Chris does not meet PA standards. CCCD will work with the township to see if this road would be eligible for the Dirt and Gravel Road program next year.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Karl Herr, seconded by Dave Underwood and carried to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett, Secretary

