

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Wayne Belt, Chairperson
Kim Beckett, Secretary
John Sica
Edward Buchheit, Jr.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager
Harlan Lawson, Adams County Planning Dept.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Mary Buchheit, Janet Christiansen, & Matt Young

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Belt called the Planning Commission's Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Buchheit made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Mr. Sica. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Ordinance Update Discussion

Chair Belt asked for the use table to be moved to the front of the proposed ordinance. He asked if protections have been added in order to protect neighboring properties with solar farms. Mr. Gulden stated that solar panel decommissioning standards have been added to protect the Township in the event the solar farm operator abandons the project. A bond will be required to be posted with the Township.

Mr. Sica asked for a redlined version where the public can view all of the proposed changes made to the document. He also asked for a list of all of the changes. Mr. Lawson stated he will create those documents. Mr. Gulden said he would put them on the website.

Mr. Gulden asked for unanimous consent to forward the proposed ordinance to the Board of

Supervisors. He said an official vote is not required, per the Township Attorney, at this moment. Mr. Sica requested another month to review. Chair Belt said that the Planning Commission has been working on this for a year, and it should be sent to the Supervisors. Mr. Young recommended the document be forwarded to the Supervisors, so they can start the review process. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Gulden agreed.

All four Board members agreed it should be sent to the Board of Supervisors to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Belt requested help from Mr. Lawson regarding sample ordinances for wellhead protection and prohibition of open loop geothermal HVAC.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gulden said that the February Planning Commission meeting is canceled and all future zoning meetings scheduled on the 4th Wednesday of the month are canceled until further notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Young thanked the Planning Commission members for all of their work on updating the zoning ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Buchheit made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Mr. Sica. Chairperson Belt adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.