



# LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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## **Planning Commission**

Linda Crook, Chairperson  
Hugh Harris, Vice Chairperson  
Tara Capecci, Secretary  
Bert Smalley  
Travis Gerould

## **Planning Commission Minutes**

**May 18, 2020**

*~Virtual Meeting~*

Chairperson, Linda Crook, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commission Members Tara Capecci, Travis Gerould, Hugh Harris and Bert Smalley; Lori Seese, Planning & Zoning Administrator were also in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hugh Harris requested the language regarding the Lower Nazareth Rod and Gun Club be reworded to say, "if there is insufficient interest in the Club they would be forced to disband."

Travis stated a correction should be made in that he voted in favor of passing the February 24, 2020 minutes in lieu of abstaining as stated in the minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting as corrected was moved by Hugh Harris and seconded by Tara Capecci. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no items of discussion under **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

### **RECREATION, PARK AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN - DRAFT**

Discussion was held about the comments which have been received to date.

Bert mentioned that he and Supervisor Amy Templeton will be meeting with Lori Stauffer and the consultant who prepared the Map and Plan on Thursday. They will be going over everyone's comments.

The Planning Commission liked the comments provided by everyone. Bert will organize everyone's comments for submission to the Board.

The Planning Commission discussed Community Centers and how the Township is not in a position financially to construct a Community Center or run one at this point in time.

Traffic in the township was discussed, stimulated by the language in the paragraph on Page 29 of the report. The Planning Commission thinks its important to note that trucks are not causing the volumes of traffic in the Township, cars are causing the volume. The line of traffic at the Newburg light is cars, not trucks. We have a lot of traffic moving within the Township and going thru the Township. There are a lot of commuters living in the Township.

Balancing the location of the parks is important.

The Planning Commission discussed the ranking system and questioned the methodology – how did they decide how to rank each property? The Planning Commission believes cost of the property should also be a factor. Properties in a cluster should be ranked together. The Planning Commission believes the Boards should have input on how these properties are ranked, not just the suggestion of the consultant.

Bert commented that there are not a lot of suggestions on how to finance the ideas in the plan.

Tara commented that when this plan is prepared it seems a logical step to prepare a traffic plan to evaluate where we will have traffic concerns going forward. Hugh commented that zoning and traffic rarely line up. Unfortunately, there is always land zoned which when use will cause a traffic problem.

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

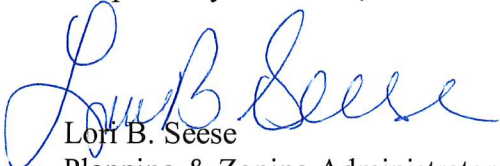
The Planning Commission discussed the current situation and the possibility of doing land reviews in a virtual meeting. It is preferred that we wait until we can have a regular public meeting; however, in the current climate it does not appear we will be able to have face-to-face meetings any time soon. In the end, the Planning Commission agreed to try reviewing land developments in a virtual meeting.

The Floor was opened to Public Comment. There were (2) guests connected to the meeting. No comments were made from the Public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was moved by Tara Capecci and seconded by Travis Gerould. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori B. Seese  
Planning & Zoning Administrator