



LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP

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Planning Commission Minutes October 21, 2019

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting was moved by Hugh Harris and seconded by Travis Gerould. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

Lower Nazareth Elementary School Building Additions Sketch Plan

Present for the Application: Terry DeGroot, Terraform Engineering; Superintendent Dr. Dennis Riker, Nazareth Area School District; Chris Haller, D'Huy Engineering; and Bruce Brumbaugh, Alloy5 Architecture.

Dr. Riker made a presentation on the school district and grade level populations. The School District needs to expand the Elementary School in order to address the needs of the student population, moving 4th grade back to the elementary school. They are also trying to reduce class size to 20 students per class per grade level.

Terry DeGroot presented the proposed project. The manufactured buildings in the back of the school would be removed and replaced with an addition. The second addition is to the cafeteria. There will be some driveway and utility relocation in the back of the school building. They are breaking even on impervious coverage. There are no planned parking lot improvements. The new addition will encroach the basketball courts. The basketball courts will be moved 15-20 feet. The projected school capacity is 600 students. The septic system should be suitable.

The project is projected to begin next year in the spring. The addition will be constructed over the winter. They are still working through where the students will be placed during this construction. They are trying to keep everyone in Lower Nazareth.

Bruce Brumbaugh, Alloy5 Architecture provided a presentation of the proposed floor plan. The new addition will be a Kindergarten wing with a few special classrooms.

There were no comments under COURTESY OF THE FLOOR.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was moved by Hugh Harris and seconded by Travis Gerould. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori B. Seese".

Lori B. Seese
Planning & Zoning Administrator

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