



**MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**
MARCH 23, 2023 at 5:30pm

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday March 23, 2023, at 5:30 pm at Schoonover Municipal Building, with Bob Early presiding.

Planning Commission members in attendance: Bob Early, Parin Shah, Wayne Bolt, Nick Theofilos, Mark Oney, and alternate member Carrie Wetherbee. Also, in attendance Township Engineer Ben Kutz, P.E. and Planning Commission Recording Secretary Vicki Smith.

Presenter: Annette Atkinson, Chairperson for the Middle Smithfield Township Supervisors

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda and any Amendments

Wayne Bolt made a motion to approve the March 23, 2023, agenda. Parin Shah seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Minutes

Parin Shah made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023, minutes. Nick Theofilos seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Plan Submittals

None

Plan Reviews and Unfinished Business

None

Other Reviews and/or Recommendations

All future meetings will be recorded and posted on the Middle Smithfield Township YouTube channel.

Revitalize 209 update – currently on Board of Supervisors agenda, on March 23, 2023. The Committee will be made up of 2 people from the Planning Commission, Historical, Economic Development Committee & 4 persons from public. Supervisors will act tonight. Meetings will be as needed as an advisory forum. Letters of interest will be submitted to the Revitalize 209 Advisory Committee. The committee will discuss what will get passed on for consideration or denied. The owners will be encouraged to complete an application. The Board of Supervisors will look at both the recommendation from the committee and the application and then will make a decision. Applications will also be reviewed by Middle Smithfield Township zoning office and the Planning Commission. The committee will have a vision on the beautification for the grants to create an identity for the township.

New business

None

Discussion

The township hasn't heard back from the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau Community Impact Grant and should hear about it sometime in April. This grant will be for enhancing and enlarging the Veterans Memorial at the Community Center.

A model ordinance for warehouses and distribution centers from the Monroe County Planning Commission was distributed for information.

The Monroe County Planning Commission ran a list and distributed information on solar farms, parcels of 30 plus acres and close to power lines are at risk and we need to look at protecting Middle Smithfield Township regarding solar farms.

2022 annual report Monroe County Planning Commission was also distributed for information.

Continuing Education

Pennstate Extension Land Use Webinar Series – Climate Change – How do we deal with climate change.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

April 27, 2023

Adjourn

Wayne Bolt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Parin Shah seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Parin Shah made a motion to reopen the meeting of March 23, 2023, to discuss a change in the meeting date due to training conflicts during the next meeting. Nick Theofilos seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mark Oney made a motion to move the meeting date from April 27, 2023, to April 20, 2023, due to training conflicts. Carrie Wetherbee seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Wayne Bolt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Nick Theofilos seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Revised Next Meeting

April 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Smith
Planning Commission Recording Secretary
March 23, 2023