

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING  
November 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll call:           Hedwig Kaufman           Patricia Kosanovich           Thomas Fox  
                  Robert Thoma           Manfred Klein           Ignazio Cuccia  
                  Dennis Staelgraeve

Also present:   Kerry Bondy, Township Attorney  
                  Chris D. Khorey, McKenna Associates, Township Planning Consultant

**Item No. 1 Agenda Approval.**

**Motion**

Moved By: Thomas Fox           Supported By: Patricia Kosanovich

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of Item No. 1 (a) Minutes of October 1, 2015.

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**Motion**

Moved By: Thomas Fox           Supported By: Dennis Staelgraeve

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

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**Item No.2 Board Request –Planning Commission Review/Recommendations regarding the Scope of Work for Update to the FCT Master Plan. The Board is looking for a recommendation from the PC regarding the “Scope of Work...” by Mckenna Associates. Please read his October 15<sup>th</sup> proposal. It is enclosed.**

Mr. Khorey and the Commission members discussed the Board request. Sections of the “Scope of Work” were discussed and clarified.

**MOTION**

Moved By: Patricia Kosanovich           Supported By: Robert Thoma

Motion to notify the Frenchtown Township Board that the Planning Commission is in agreement with the procedures, timeline, actions and general direction presented in Planner Chris Khorey’s letter dated October 15, 2015: “Scope of Work for Update to the Frenchtown Charter Township Master Plan.” Further, the Planning Commission will apprise the Board of progress, including holding a joint Board-PC meeting early in 2016.

Cuccia-y, Fox-n, Staelgraeve-y, Kosanovich-y, Thoma-y, Kaufman-y, Klein-y

**Item No.3 Sign Ordinance (45 minutes)**

**a. Proposed Table of Contents (10 Minutes)**

**b. Reed vs. Gilbert Supreme Court Case-Guidance from Attorney Bondy (30 minutes)**

Mr. Khorey and the Commission members discussed proposed amendments. Township Attorney Kerry Bondy discussed the Reed vs. Gilbert Case with Commission Members. Mr. Khorey will divide the Sign Ordinance into sections in order to proceed with the necessary amendments. Commission members will be presented with a section each month for review. The Township Attorney will be consulted on any proposed changes.

**Item No. 4 Zoning Ordinance Amendments (30 Minutes)**

**a. Light Industrial Outdoor Storage- Permit When Bordering Non-Industrial (10 Minutes)**

**b. Revise Flood Plain Garage Standards (10 Minutes)**

**c. Eliminate Maximum Garage Door Height Requirement (10 Minutes)**

Mr. Khorey, the Township Attorney and the Commission members discussed proposed amendments. Draft amendments for items a, b and c will be prepared and presented for approval to the Commission.

**Item No. 5 Master Plan (45 Minutes)**

**a. Public Input Survey Presentation (15 Minutes)**

**b. Farmland Preservation Boundary Discussion (30 Minutes)**

Mr. Khorey and the Commission members discussed public input. A public survey will be posted on the Township website in order to collect data/input from the Township Residents. Mr. Khorey will coordinate with the Building Department in order to send out post cards, create a Facebook Page, newspaper posting or any other method deemed necessary in order to inform Township Residents of its availability. Mr. Fox offered to assist with creating a Facebook page.

Mr. Khorey and the Commission members discussed future land use and Farmland Preservation in the Township. Revisions and clarification of the presented materials will be made. Commission members will revisit this at next meeting.

**Item No. 6 Adjournment**

**Motion**

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia      Supported By: Thomas Fox

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

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