

MINUTES OF
SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
February 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Spring Garden Township Planning Commission was held on February 7, 2023, in the Township Municipal Building, 340 Tri Hill Road, York PA. Chairman Robert Sandmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Robert Sandmeyer	David Davidson, C.S. Davidson, Inc.
	Scott Stevens	Dawn Hansen, Zoning Officer
	Amy Mitten	There were 4 people in the audience.
	Peter Ruth, Stock and Leader	

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Stevens recused himself because he was not at either meeting. The minutes for the December 6, 2022, and January 3, 2023, meetings were tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

ZONING APPLICATIONS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Red Lion Controls** –Review and make recommendations on a Zoning Text Amendment for the AO (Apartment Office) Zone to allow Hi-Tech Precision Assembly as a Use by Exception in the AO Zone. This was discussed at the January meeting, and they were asked to come back with specifications for the exception.

Ms. Mitten inquired why the applicant decided to go with a Text Amendment instead of asking for a rezoning of the property. Attorney Miller explained that the board was not open to a rezoning of the property and felt that a text amendment would be a better option. Ms. Mitten asked if this was a longer process. Attorney Miller explained that has been a longer process but is amenable to whatever will help his clients achieve their goal.

With no other comments a Motion was made by Mr. Stevens to make a recommendation to approve the Zoning Text Amendment to allow Hi-Tech Precision Assembly in the AO (Apartment-Office) Zone as a use by special exception with the specifications submitted. Ms. Mitten seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

- **Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan** - Spring Garden Township and York Township will be submitting a joint application to DCED for their Municipal Assistance Program grant. Consideration for a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for a Comprehensive Planning subcommittee of one Planning Commission member, one Board of Commission member, and one member of the public at-large (the hope is to cover different geographic areas of the Township).

There was discussion about the benefits of doing a joint comprehensive plan with York Township as they border our municipal boundaries. This grant will help to cut costs for the consultant and all related expenses related to a comprehensive plan. There was a discussion about the amount of time it will take to complete the plan, which the township is aiming for 9 to 12 months. The grant deadline is in April, 2023.

It was agreed that one member from the Planning Commission would be sufficient. Ms. Mitten showed interest in being on the board, as well as her husband as a member of the community.

A motion was made by Ms. Mitten to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that a Comprehensive Planning subcommittee of one Planning Commission member, one Board of Commission member, and one member of the public at-large be created to help with the Intermunicipal Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Mr. Scott. All in favor. Motion approved.

With no further business to address, motion to adjourn by Mr. Steves, seconded by Ms. Mitten. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Hansen, Zoning Officer