

HELLAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of February 22, 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Devin Winand. The meeting was held at the Hellam Township Municipal Building. Devin Winand led the Pledge of Allegiance. Other members present were Michael Shillott, Steve Fetrow, John Eifert, Jay Kokiko, and Chris Altland. Other attendees included Corina Mann, Township Manager, and Jason Test, Zoning Officer.

Minutes Approval:

Upon a motion by Mr. Shillott and seconded by Mr. Kokiko, the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting were approved, with the minor correction discussed by Mr. Shillott. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

None

On-going Business:

Personal Target Shooting Area:

A discussion was held concerning the proposed personal target shooting area. The Commission reviewed the shooting range ordinance obtained from Hamilton Township Franklin County Pennsylvania. This ordinance was reviewed line by line. It was proposed that a definition section be added to the ordinance.

Through the course of the discussion, it was determined that most of the language provided in this ordinance was sufficient. There were some areas that needed to be modified Ms. Mann documented the suggested changes and will provide an updated copy of the proposed language.

There was discussion on the amount of detail needed in the ordinance concern the construction and specifications of the target shooting area. It was felt that the language included that the backstop/barrier shall be of sufficient material to stop the round that was fired was enough for design standards.

A discussion centered around if someone should be allowed to target shoot from their deck. This discussion then led to someone firing from inside their house. It was decided to not allow someone to fire from a residence.

It was decided to add time limitation. The limitation is one half-hour after sunrise and one half-hour prior to sunset.

Enforcement was then discussed and it was determined to have the solicitor review and craft the language of this section.

Correspondence/Reports

Mr. Test reported that a SALDO SL-24-01 would be on the agenda for March 14, 2024. Mr. Test also advised the Commission that Ms. Chryst had called him and asked him to pass along that she felt the Planning Commission was very help during her variance hearing on February 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Test, Zoning Officer