

**HELLAM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of January 25, 2024**

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, Chris Atland and Rick Cooper. Other attendees included Corina Mann, Township Manager and Jason Test, Zoning Officer.

Minutes Approval:

Upon a motion by Mr. Eifert and seconded by Mr. Shillott, the minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting were approved, with the minor correction discussed by Mr. Shillott. Motion carried 7-0.

On-going Business:

Shooting Ranges: There was a discussion concerning changes being made to the shooting range ordinance; specifically backstops. Mr. Test provided copies of the York County Planning Commission recommendations on the proposed North Hopewell Township firing range ordinance.

Mr. Altland and Mr. Shillott volunteered to work on this project. There was discussion on language that would require appropriate backstops, but still allow “target shooting”. There was a discussion concerning setbacks for backstop and firing line locations.

It was also discussed if noise and time limits should be placed and if “target shooting” should be allowed on Sunday.

It was stated that the ultimate goal is not to make it more difficult to “target shoot”, but safer.

Solar Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Shillott reviewed the answer results from the survey that was provided to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The Commission felt that the survey provided a view of what is desired in the Township.

It was discussed that the resident’s survey is completed and ready to be distributed via online and physical copies at local businesses. It was asked if the survey will be open to residents and non-residents. An additional question will be added asking if the person is a resident of Hellam Township.

Mr. Winand asked if there is a reliable non-biased source that could be linked to the survey to provide information to the survey taker. Mr. Shillott stated that non-biased information is difficult to locate as most information is either pro-solar or against solar.

Typical Flow for Ordinance Crafting:

There was discussion on the flow chart. The Commission determined that the flowchart is completed and ready to send to Ms. Mann. Mr. Kokiko made a motion to approve the flowchart and Mr. Altland seconded.

Motion carried 7-0.

Understanding the Township:

No discussion on this topic other than what the

Correspondence/Reports

Mr. Test reviewed the November 2023 zoning report. Mr. Test advised that he will provide the December 2023 and January 2024 zoning report at the next meeting

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Test, Zoning Officer