



UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES & INSPECTIONS

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February 13, 2023

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Attendance

Planning Committee Members Present:

- Debbie Nifong
- Steve Bertil
- James Mullen
- Jeffrey Roken
- Cassandra Hayes

Township Staff Present:

- Asst. Director of L&I for Planning & Zoning-Joshua Chast

Minutes

A motion was made by Jeffrey Roken to approve the January Planning Commission Minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve Bertil. All members voted in favor.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Historical Commission Ordinance

The Upper Darby Historical Commission presented their proposed Historical Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to preserve historical properties throughout Upper Darby Township. To do so, HC is proposing a historic overlay over properties that have been identified by their criteria as historic. The criteria is a 12 point list and a property must meet two or more of the points to be considered historic. Once a property is deemed historic, it is added to the historic survey list. Any property on this list, when applying for a building or demo permit, must receive additional review by the HC and Township Council. A hearing will be scheduled for the developer, HC and Council to review the development plans and make recommendations. After this meeting has occurred Council will rule on the permit.



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Comments were provided by Planning Commission and Zoning Officer, Joshua Chast for HC to consider adopting into the ordinance.

2. Upper Darby Tree Commission Ordinance

Mike Atwell and Evan Hunt of the Upper Darby Shade Tree Commission discussed the draft of the Shade Tree Ordinance Update. There was concern about awareness and enforceability of the current and future Shade Tree Ordinance.

3. Pennsylvania Environmental Commission – Stormwater Audit/Recommendation Presentation

PEC is a statewide environmental organization that educates municipalities on storm water and watershed management. Susan M., Diana M. presented the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Ordinance Audit Overview conducted by PEC on Upper Darby Township. The audit was conducted by using a scorecard tool that evaluated the presence, implementation, and incentive of stormwater management practices through codes or policies. Some areas of recommendation for UDT were Reference (defining stormwater management/ relevant SWM topics), Flexible Standards, Incentives, Site Plan, and Education. The audit will be used to help create additional zoning regulations as well as the development of a new Subdivision and Land Development Code.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Nifong. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Roken.