Wrightstown Township Planning Commission Meeting May 14, 2020

The Wrightstown Township Planning Commission met via Zoom on May 14, 2020. In attendance were Joseph Conroy, Allen Masenheimer, Ann Mark, Fran Doerr, Steve Marcell, Mark Halderman, Steve Vance, Eric Stephens and Scott McBurney. Also, in attendance was Jane Magne, Township Supervisor Liaison; Chester Pogonowski, Township Supervisor; Ted Middleman, Zoning Officer; Judy Goldstein, Township Planner; Vicky Kushto, Township Solicitor; Cindy VanHise, Township Engineer and Mark Sarson, Code Clerk.

Call to Order:

Joseph Conroy called the meeting to **ORDER** at 7:33 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Vance and seconded by Marcell, the minutes of March 12, 2020 were approved 9-0.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

A review of a proposed ordinance to define and provide for a motor vehicle fueling station and convenience store use was discussed by the PC. The proposed ordinance is listing, among others, the VC-2 zoning district for this use. The discussion by the PC centered on whether replacing the VC-2 zoning district with the RI zoning district would make for a better location.

According to Solicitor Kushto this proposed ordinance needs to be adopted by October 2020 since it will expire in November 2020. Kushto also explained that it was agreed upon by the Jointure that all three townships will zone for this use.

The proposed number of fuel pumps allowed was address by the PC. During this discussion safety issues from the actual pumping of the gas to holding tank leaks was talked about. Concern was expressed over spillage and leaks since Wrightstown Township only has well water and no public water source.

Charging stations for electric vehicles was brought up and the impact they would have on this use.

The PC listened to questions and comments by residents and attendees. Those people attending the meeting were not in favor of the proposed location in the VC-2 zoning district.

Steve Vance pointed out that there might be unattended consequences for only allowing the location in the RI zoning district.

The PC requested traffic information for the intersection of Swamp Road and Second Street Pike.

The PC agreed not to make any recommendation at this time. A follow up meeting will take place on May 28, 2020 to further discuss this issue.

Chairperson Update/Comments:

No comments.

Adjournment:

Motion by Scott and seconded by Masenheimer to adjourn at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Sarson