Wrightstown Township Planning Commission Meeting October 28, 2021

The Wrightstown Township Planning Commission met on October 28, 2021 at the Wrightstown Township Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. In attendance were Joseph Conroy, Eric Stephens, Scott McBurney, Mike Hoy, and Steve Marcell. In addition, in attendance was Vicki Kushto.

Call to Order:

Joseph Conroy called the meeting to **ORDER** at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 6.24.2021 meeting with the addition of a few notes about the Planning Commission rationale about their recommendation about a Zoning Hearing Board application. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business - No New Business

Old Business

- **10 Year Comprehensive Plan:** Joe Conroy informed the PC that there is no update since last PC meeting since the comprehensive plan meetings only happen once a month.
- Nuisance Ordinance Discussion: Joe Conroy opened the discussion of the Nuisance Ordinance with a reminder to the Commission members that the nuisances discussed should be more than an individual nuisance, they should impact more than one member of the community and they should represent things that a large portion of the community believes are in fact a nuisance.

Fireworks: The Planning Commission stated that they did not want to stop people from having fun but thought that time constraints on when fireworks were permitted to be used would be a reasonable addition to a nuisance ordinance. They discussed possible cut off times for fireworks and decided that 11pm would be a reasonable time. The PC also discussed allowing fireworks to go later on certain holidays like July 4th, New Years Eve, Diwali, and The Lunar New Year. They also discussed that it would be a good idea to have a process where if someone wanted to have Fireworks later on a specific night they could request it from the Township.

Burning: Kushto supplied the PC with copies of Hilltown and New Britain Townships burning ordinances since they were brought up by a resident last

meeting. The members decided take these home and read the Wrightstown Ordinance and discuss this again at a later meeting.

Noise: The PC decided that they were going to look at all the local townships noise ordinances that Joe Conroy compiled and talk about it at a future meeting. A resident, Patricia Moskaitis of 301 Matthews Lane, entered the meeting and asked the commission to recap what they had discussed about Fireworks and Noise. Conroy explained to her that the PC does not make decisions and gave her a quick recap about the discussions of limiting firework times and how they were still in the research part of defining noise. Moskaitis asked the commission to consider a scientific measure for how they will define noise and suggested the use of a decibel meter. The PC said they would take that into consideration in their upcoming discussions on the topic.

- **Tiny Houses:** There was a brief discussion about how the PC should look into what other municipalities are doing about Tiny Houses.
- **Alternative Energy:** The Planning Commission discussed making sure that no alternative energies were being hindered by old ordinances.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm