

Radnor Township Planning Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2019

Present: Mr. David Natt; Mr. Skip Kunda; Mr. John Lord; Mr. Charlie Falcone; Mr. Matt Golas; Mr. Lane Vines; Ms. Megan Gonzales

Absent: Elizabeth Springer; Steve Varenhorst

The meeting started at 7:00pm

- John Lord, Chair, called the meeting to order.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2019:
Recommendation to Approve Minutes: **Approved 7-0**
Approved: Mr. David Natt; Mr. Skip Kunda; Mr. John Lord; Mr. Matt Golas; Mr. Lane Vines; Ms. Megan Gonzales; Mr. Charlie Falcone
- John Lord welcomed two new members to the Planning Commission
 - Lane Vines
 - Megan Gonzales
- Ardrossan Lots 3-2, 3-3 and OS 12
 - Charles Falcone recused himself
 - John Snyder, Esq, from Saul Ewing reviewed plans**Recommendation to approve:** **Approved 6-0**
Approved: Mr. David Natt; Mr. Skip Kunda; Mr. John Lord; Mr. Matt Golas; Mr. Lane Vines; Ms. Megan Gonzales
- Discussion of the Proposed Lighting Ordinance
 - Mr. Golas reviewed his findings from other local ordinances
 - The board each gave their input for discussion
 - All Board Members feel this is Incomprehensive and does not meet the needs of the township
 - Mr. Kunda asked if there is sufficient language within the existing code to do enforcement.
 - Mary Eberly, Esq does not think there is sufficient language within the existing code and feels it would be very difficult to enforce.
 - Mr. Kunda – Asked Counsel if the current ordinances permit the township to make an assessment that the lights are polluting the neighborhood do they have to be shielded, replaced or changed?
 - Mary Eberly, Esq – yes but says that it doesn't say how they have to fix it, just that they have to stop the light spillage.
 - Mr. Kunda – Can our Solicitor's office draft specific changes/amendments to our ordinance and not a replacement of the ordinance?
 - Mary Eberly, Esq – It is her opinion that that can be done.
 - Mr. Falcone - is concerned about taking the grandfather clause out
 - Mr. Natt would like to see more focus on commercial and institutional rather than residential.

Public Comment –

- Mr. Martin Caulfield - 4 Hawthorne Lane- feels the issue is the pollution the lights are causing, not how long they are on.
- Commissioner Farhy – does not agree with the grandfather issue, agrees that it is not perfect but what can be use? What are some good aspects of this proposed ordinance where we can grow?
- Jane Gallie, 7th Ward – expressed her concerns about the lighting. She agrees that its an enforcement issue.
- Anna Marie, Resident – likes the concept of township wide. We should not single out specific areas.

Motion to reject proposed lighting ordinance

Approved 7-0

Approved: Mr. David Natt; Mr. Skip Kunda; Mr. John Lord; Mr. Charlie Falcone; Mr. Matt Golas; Mr. Lane Vines; Ms. Megan Gonzales

Motion: Move to direct staff to examine present ordinance to see if we can better address light pollution emanating from commercial and institutional properties. Staff should utilize lighting consultants for recommendations on a zoning district by zoning district basis, and to review lighting standards and more efficient enforcement of lighting requirements.

Approved 7-0

Approved: Mr. David Natt; Mr. Skip Kunda; Mr. John Lord; Mr. Charlie Falcone; Mr. Matt Golas; Mr. Lane Vines; Ms. Megan Gonzales

- Old Business – none
- New Business - none
- Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:13pm

Next regular scheduled Planning Commission March 4, 2019