



BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman

Joseph Yenchik

Vice Chairman

Anthony Ciliberto

Board Members

Richard Kresge, Jr.

Michael Parri

Rose Andrews

March 19, 2007 Planning Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 7:05 pm and all Board Members were present.

The February 2007 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Mike Parri, and a second by Rich Kresge. All Board members were in favor of approving the minutes.

There were no agenda items for the March meeting

Old Business: Anderson Subdivision

This agenda item was withdrawn from the March meeting. The property owner still needs to secure a Highway Occupancy Permit that was outstanding at the last meeting.

Update: Energy Unlimited, Inc. Lawsuit Decision Appeal

Attorney Vinsko updated the Board on the current status of this appeal. He expects a decision shortly from the Commonwealth Court. Energy Unlimited Inc. appealed the courts previous decision and asked that a new panel of judges reconsider the decision.

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

.....

A brief work session was held by the Board to discuss the FEMA paperwork submitted to the Board Chairman and further discuss the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

Attorney Vinsko will check with Wilkes-Barre to determine next course of action on the FEMA paperwork.

The following was discussed regarding the SALDO:

- ⇒ Property owners should be given the opportunity to submit requests to rezone
- ⇒ Paving standards should be by Penn DoT specifications
- ⇒ Professional firms should pay for services directly and not have Bear Creek Twp. as the go-between
- ⇒ Planning submission checklist needs to be communicated to property owners

- ⇒ All plan submissions should go to the Engineer who will provide comments to Board within 3 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting
- ⇒ Need applicant and owner signature on applications
- ⇒ Sketch plans should be submitted 10 days prior to scheduled meeting
- ⇒ Applicant must respond to Board with 15 days after a conditional approval is granted. The response must indicate whether the applicant accepts the conditions. (Some Board Members wanted to do away with conditional approval.)
- ⇒ All inspector reports should be provided to Bear Creek Township
- ⇒ Definitions will be added that are not in the new ordinance (i.e. owner, revision)

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday April 16th, 2007.