

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2011**

START TIME: 7:00 p.m.

END TIME: 9:39 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Buchanan
Larry Claycomb
Jim Dries
Steve Zeigler
Tracy Gleim

STAFF PRESENT:

Margie Flatley-Carpenter, CMT, Secretary
Mark D. Carpenter, Zoning Officer
Jeff Kelly, Cumberland County Planning

MEMBERS & STAFF ABSENT:

Rod Groff
Bud Grove, Township Engineer
Keith Brenneman, Township Solicitor
Tracy Gleim

AGENDA:

APPROVE PAST MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2011

PUBLIC COMMENT

TPF 11-9 DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO
CHANGEABLE SIGNS – PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS AT 10-28-2011 MEETING

TPF 11-12 DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO
PLANNED CENTER SIGN REGULATIONS
DRAFT SUBMISSION FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION

OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES

Larry Claycomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE PAST MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2011.

Jim Dries made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2011, meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Michael Buchanan and passed unanimously.

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Larry Claycomb asked for public comment and there was none.

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Jonathan Andrews of McNees, Wallace and Nurick, Dave Marshka of Keystone Arms and Rick Ziegler from American Signs Co. were in attendance to discuss the issue. They have been granted the special exception for the drive-up window for the proposed ice cream shop by the Zoning Hearing Board. They now would like to present a text amendment to the sign ordinance. They felt that it was preferable to needed 11 variances to the present ordinance. Mr. Andrews distributed drawings of the proposed signs along with the proposed text amendments. There were many issues discussed and questions asked and answered.

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Mark Carpenter, Township Zoning Officer, announced that the applicant was not able to attend tonight's meeting but that they wish to be on the Board of Supervisors agenda this Friday. Jeff Kelly, Cumberland County Planning Commission, was in attendance and he had done some research on the matter. He distributed and reviewed a summary of what he had found and it was discussed. Mr. Carpenter and Michael Buchanan reviewed the results of the committee's work on this issue. The consensus of the Planning Commission is that they agree with the proposed zoning ordinance amendments. Michael Buchanan and Larry Claycomb will plan to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on Friday and Jim Dries will try to be there.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business, Tracy Gleim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Buchanan and passed unanimously at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Margie Flatley-Carpenter, CMT
Secretary to the Planning Commission