

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

The Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford, PA at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Members present: Tracy Keller, Sam Reyburn, David Underwood, Harold Bryson, Karl Herr and Jane Daggett, Secretary

Others present: Scott Rugen, Charles Fleischmann, Frances Reyburn and Tom Alldridge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Karl Herr.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Harold Bryson, seconded by Dave Underwood and carried to approve the August 1, 2016 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE – A sample ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission members regarding an International Property Maintenance Code. This issue came about regarding a blighted home/nuisance building. The Board of Supervisors discussed with our Zoning Officer who informed the Supervisors that we do not have strong tools to use in situations like this. If we adopt such ordinance it will help us deal with weeds and other property maintenance problems. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

IMPERVIOUS COVERGAGE – was discussed. Charles Fleischmann said that this area is not very clear in our zoning ordinance and that the Planning Commission should re-visit the ordinance. The MS-4 program and Chesapeake Bay Watershed should also be considered while reviewing this. DEP will be forthcoming with a letter of guidelines in the future. The township will be responsible for water runoff in the future. We will need to put in place measures to require people to control water runoff.

WEED ORDINANCE – Dave Underwood presented the Planning Commission with a third draft of the Weed Ordinance which he has been working on. Dave incorporated the changes that were discussed at the August 1st meeting. Changes covered agricultural land being exempt; conform with ordinance after 20 days instead of 10 days after sending notice; height of weeds limit changed from 15' to 18' and the Township may file a municipal lien. Dave also spoke with the Zoning Officer, Bill Beers who has some suggestions. Bill advised against having the height of 18" remain in the ordinance and suggested a lower height.

MOTION was made by Karl Herr, seconded by Harold Bryson and carried to move forward with the revised weed ordinance and send to the Board of Supervisors for review. MOTION CARRIED.

Frances Reyburn brought up the weed problem at Shank's Antique Store. The Secretary will inform the Zoning Officer of this. Frances also questioned the use for the property being purchased by the Islamic Society.

Tracy Keller will be leaving us and her last meeting will be October. Charlie mentioned if anyone knew of any person who would be interested to contact the Supervisors. We are also seeking to fill the position of Zoning Hearing Board Member alternate.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Harold Bryson, seconded by Dave Underwood and carried to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary