Exeter Township Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024

A joint meeting of Exeter Township Zoning Board of Appeals and the Exeter Township Planning Commission was arranged to strengthen co-operation between the committees, encourage discussion of issues, and define roles and responsibilities of each Exeter Township committee.

Exeter Township Zoning Board of Appeals chairperson, Robert Strimple, called the joint meeting to order at 7:15 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present:

Roger Bezek, Anthony Bruck, Don Miller, June Olson

and Robert Strimpel

Excused:

Exeter Township Planning Commission members;

Roger Bezek, Philip Bruck, Tim DeBorde, Dave Mathewson,

Julie Murphy, Amee Runyan, and Anthony Thrasher

Guests:

Lucie Fortin, Exeter Township planner (Mannik & Smith Group)

Note: There were 8 township residents in attendance.

Public Comment:

1). Exeter Township Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) chairperson, Robert Strimple, thanked the Planning Commission for inviting the ZBA committee members to this joint meeting. He commented that such meeting are recommended between township committees to better understand the current issues within the township and to improve communication between committees.

Exeter Township Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) chairperson, Robert Strimple, provided an overview of the roles and function of the ZBA. He stated that the ZBA role was to provide relief (known as a variance) to current township Zoning Ordinances. Request must be made to the ZBA and meet certain criteria to be considered. All discussion is conducted under the public hearing format. After hearing all comments, the ZBA is empowered to grant or deny any variances requested by a property owner. This differs from the Planning Commission who will make a recommendation to the Exeter Township Board to review, approve, modify or reject the Planning Commission recommendation(s). Rezoning request are discussed and processed through the Township Planning Commission

Chairperson Strimple stated that the ZBA meets quarterly or may conduct a special meeting if called for. All meeting are open to the public and are announced by the clerk.

Chairperson Strimple took a few questions from the residents in attendance concerning the Exeter Township Master Plan.

Second Public Comment:

- 1). The next scheduled meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission will be held on April 2, 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Exeter Township Hall. A Public Hearing will be conducted during this meeting
 - Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Philip Bruck: To adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Bezek, Secretary

Exeter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert Strimple, Chairperson

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