

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The Planning Commission of Lower Saucon Township was called to order on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:03 P.M., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Mr. Hazem Hijazi, presiding as Acting Chair.

ROLL CALL: Present: Hazem Hijazi (Acting Chair), Tom Carocci, Scott Kennedy and Kathy McGovern members; Chris Garges, Zoning Officer; Judith Stern Goldstein, Township Planner; Kevin Chimics, Township Engineer. Absent: Craig Kologie, Chairman; John Noble, Vice-Chairman; and Sandy Yerger, Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF PLANNING JR. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Matthew Wagner, Jr. Council Member was introduced. Zack Mikuta & Ethan Kennedy would later join the meeting and be introduced.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS – None

III. BUSINESS ITEMS - None

IV. MICELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SLDO AMENDMENTS

Ms. Stern Goldstein introduced the scope of tonight's review as suggested by the Commission in July. She noted that her presentation would include the proposed revisions to the definitions and Section 5.00 through 5.18 of the draft amendments. Ms. Stern Goldstein referred back to her memo dated April 19, 2017, which summarized the revisions.

Mrs. McGovern suggested that the definition of "Qualified Wetlands Professional" be revised to remove "at least" and include the word "minimum" in reference to required credentials. The Commission concurred. The Commission also concurred with the proposed removal of "Soil Scientist" and changing the reference to "Qualified Wetlands Professional."

Ms. Stern Goldstein suggested the removal of the definition of "Net Buildable Site Area" from this ordinance as it is not referenced in the proposed text.

There was some general discussion and reference to the two 2010 Council meeting minutes, which contained discussion about revisions to the maximum cul-de-sac length, width of right-of-way, etc.

Ms. Stern Goldstein moved onto Section 5.00 "Design Standards" and noted that if / when these standards are included in the SALDO, they will actually be numbered as 7.00.

Ms. Stern Goldstein suggested that the text of M.3 on Page 3 be revised to remove the word "bike" from "bike trails", which would more broadly defined reference to the many new or future active recreation trails in the area.

Mr. Chimics stated that the street width chart contained in Section 506.B should be revised to include the recently updated golf course regulations ordinance.

The Commission generally concurred with the proposed changes up to Section 5.18

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 27, 2017

MOTION BY: Mr. Kennedy moved for approval of the July 27, 2017 Planning Commission minutes.

SECOND BY: Mrs. McGovern

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent: Mr. Kologie, Mr. Noble & Mrs. Yerger)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. McGovern moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:55 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent: Mr. Kologie, Mr. Noble & Mrs. Yerger)

Submitted by:

Mr. Hijazi, Acting Chair