

**New Sewickley Township  
Planning Commission  
233 Miller Road  
Rochester, Pa 15074**

**Chairman Albert Horn**

**Vice Chairman Ed Eisenbrown  
Secretary Jenny Fessler**

***MINUTES  
October 20, 2022***

October 20, 2022, the New Sewickley Township Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting at the Township Municipal Building. Chairman Al Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were:

**Planning Commission Members:** Vice-Chairman Ed Eisenbrown, Mike Phipps, Art Craig, Gary Braun, and Ed Majors

**Absent:** Secretary Jenny Fessler

**Township Officials:** Secretary Lawrie Borgman and Township Planner Joanne Shelly

**Guests:** Chairman Greg Happ, Larry Hough, Laura Dengel, Amanda Peterson, and Mike Loschinsky

**Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

***Amendments to the Agenda***

Motion by Braun to add “Volunteers to Comprehensive Plan Committee” to Opening Comments and remove “Jenny Subdivision Plan” from Pre-Application, seconded by Majors. Vote of 5-0.

***Opening Comments***

***Public Comments***

None.

***County Comments on Ruckert Subdivision***

The Beaver County Planning Commission comments were received with nothing to question. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan with the condition of approval by the County. The Plan is ready for signatures.

***Adding Volunteers to the Comprehensive Plan Committees***

The Planning Commission received two resident requests to be part of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Chairman Horn asked Joanne Shelly, Township Planner, if she had any specific direction for adding residents to the committee. Ms. Shelly stated the Commission will select the participants and she will meet with Lawrie Borgman to compile a list of potential names and businesses. The list should encompass all areas of Township.

***Term Expirations***

Chairman Horn reminded Gary Braun and Art Craig that their terms are expiring, and they should send a letter to the Township if they wish to be reappointed.

***Minutes***

Art Craig made a correction under Old Business, Comprehensive Plan Updates to change “has” to “as” in the last sentence. Motion by Craig to approve the September 16, 2022, meeting minutes with the noted correction, seconded by Majors. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

***Pre-Application***

None.

***Preliminary Plans***

None.

***Old Business***

***Comprehensive Plan Updates***

Joanne Shelly reviewed the commission’s responses and comments on the list of community survey questions. She will coordinate with the Municipal Authority but has been working with the Authority’s engineer as well. Discussion continued on the mapping option presented for the survey. Ms. Shelly will add a question asking the community what challenges they feel New Sewickley Township is facing in the coming years.

***Conditional Use Submission***

None.

***Ordinance Review***

***Ordinance No. 224 – Revision***

The Commission reviewed Solicitor Reese’s comments and changes. Motion by Eisenbrown to move the New Sewickley Township Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for review and consideration, seconded by Braun. Vote of 5-0 in favor.

***Cryptocurrency Ordinance***

Comments were received from the Township Solicitor. Discussion continued on the comments and article sent by Solicitor Reese. Ed Eisenbrown questioned if the cryptocurrency ordinance is permitted to be stricter on noise than the current noise ordinance. Joanne Shelly will continue to work on the ordinance based on the information received.

***Small Cell Tower Ordinance***

Chairman Horn stated a small group meeting was held with Cohen Law, Chairman Horn, Vice-Chairman Eisenbrown, Mike Phipps, Larry Hough, and Joanne Shelly. Based on the meeting, Cohen Law submitted an updated ordinance. Ed Eisenbrown expressed concern over not wanting the ordinance to be too restrictive as there are areas in the Township that need cell service. Joanne Shelly stated the ordinance will not be restrictive but will give the ability to accept or reject a location and give direction on the aesthetics.

Chairman Horn reminded the Commission of the meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. They may either attend at the Township building or participate via zoom.

***Discussion***

None.

***Closing Comments***

None.

***Adjourn***

A motion was made by Phipps to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Majors. Vote of 5-0 in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lawrie Borgman  
Township Secretary