

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

The February 16, 2021 meeting of the Planning Commission was held through an authorized telecommunication device provided by Zoom Video Communications.

Mr. Lamperski called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Roll call:

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Wayne Chang.....present
Laura Coombs..... absent
Colin Lampark.....present
Blaine Lamperski, Chairpersonpresent
Robert O'Connorpresent
Robert Schupansky.....present
Stephen Winikoff, Vice Chairperson.....present

ENGINEER:

Sid Mistri, Senate Engineering Company absent

SOLICITOR:

Alyssa Golfieri, Babst Calland.....present

STAFF

Tim Phillips, Building/Zoning Officialpresent
Tara Roth, Planning Commission Secretarypresent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lamperski asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Winikoff moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021, seconded by Mr. Chang and carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

Comprehensive Plan Review

Mr. Ebner, Borough Manager, was present to discuss the Request For Proposal they are working on jointly with Ohio Township as a multi-municipal plan. Interested parties would then submit proposals to the Borough to update the comprehensive plan. There was a discussion about revisions and tweaks to be made to the RFP. Mr. Ebner would like to get this RFP signed off by the Planning Commissions of both this Borough and Ohio Township's by next month so they can start getting proposals. He stated they were

looking at April 23, 2021 for the deadline of the submitted proposals. Mr. Winikoff asked what would happen if for some reason they decided against a multi-municipal plan? Mr. Ebner stated the RFP spells out at the end of Phase 1, if they decide not to proceed in the multi-municipal plan and each proceeded independently, then the RFP would come to an end. The consultant would have to requote a fee. There would be no need to put out another RFP since it would be considered a consulting service and we would not be required to get bids on that. Ms. Golfieri advised the Borough could privately negotiate with the consultant. Mr. Winikoff then asked if the funding would be lost if we did not go with the multi-municipal plan. Mr. Ebner advised it is not guaranteed we would get the funding, but the Borough would not get the funding if we do not go with the multi-municipal plan.

Hearing there were no more questions or comments Mr. Lamperski asked to move on to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ordinance Review Chapter 212-1901.I Animal Husbandry – chickens.

Last month the Planning Commission discussed the changes they would recommend to Borough Council regarding the ordinance on chickens. Councilmember Luke Myslinski was present to discuss what Council was willing to accept. He stated they did not want to go below 2 to 3 acres but were willing to open it up to all zoning districts and look at neighboring municipalities for comparison. The Planning Commission discussed how many properties would benefit if the ordinance was changed to 2 acres. Mr. Phillips stated in the R-2 zoning district there is not a lot of 2 and 3 acre parcels. Basically, it would come down to only about 6% of the properties in the R-2 zoning district with 2 acres that would qualify to keep chickens. And if it went to 3 acres you would lose almost 100 parcels in the R-2 zoning district that would qualify. Mr. Lamperski stated, there would not really need to be any changes made to setbacks, etc. if it went from 5 acres to 3 acres, but with 2 acres there would need to be changes made. With 2 acres they would have to put in safeguards and setbacks in the ordinance to make sure they could mitigate some of the concerns Council and others may have in terms of closer proximity to abutting properties. Mr. Myslinsky advised he thought the recommendation of 2 to 3 acres was a good one and would take the input discussed tonight back to Council.

Mr. Lamperski asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments. Hearing none, Mr. Lamperski then asked for a motion to table this until next month. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to table the Ordinance Review Chapter 212-11901.I Animal husbandry-chickens, seconded by Mr. Schupansky and carried.

GOOD & WELFARE – NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN -

Mr. Lamperski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chang moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Winikoff and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Roth

Tara Roth
Planning Commission Secretary
Audience: 5