

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA
August 18, 2021

Chairman Curtis Barrick called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Attendance: Jon Allocca, Curtis Barrick, Christine Buffinton, Mary Beth Griffith, and Angelo Vieceli. For East Buffalo Township: Jolene Helwig.

Visitors: Kathleen Evans, David Hall, Jim Knight, Judith Marvin, Marilyn Murphy, Christine Shabanowitz.

Hearing of Visitors:

Judith Marvin: Has a number of concerns about the relationship between East Buffalo Township and the county planner. She suggested the Commission go to Shawn McLaughlin instead of “googling” for information. She stated that 90% of township residents have no idea how the Township and County Planning Commissions communicate. She also thinks that ideas from Shawn should be acknowledged as coming from him.

In ensuing discussion, Curtis expressed disappointment at the thought that the Township Planning Commission cannot make decisions without the county involvement. He also emphasized that most local decisions, for example land development plans and zoning regulations, require sign-off by the Union County Planning Commission. Ms. Marvin said she was unaware that many decisions must be reviewed by the county department.

Approval of Minutes

Commission discussed the Bed & Breakfast (B&B) results from the July meeting and the fact that the proposed permitted districts do not include R2, but the current code allows B&B in R2.

- Motion by Angelo Vieceli, seconded by Jon Allocca, to approve the July minutes.
- Motion passed without exception, with Mary Beth Griffith abstaining.

Old Business: Agritourism and agritainment definitions and uses, farmettes

- Commission decided to delay the discussion until the September meeting.

New Business: Removal of B&B from R2

- Motion by Jon Allocca, seconded by Angelo Vieceli, to remove Bed & Breakfast establishments as a permitted use in the R2 zoning district.
- Motion passed without exception, with Mary Beth Griffith abstaining.

Hearing of Visitors: No comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Submitted by Christine Buffinton, Secretary