

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**7:30 PM
APRIL 12, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the Township of Salisbury was held at the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Present were Commissioners Miller, Licht, Schreiter, Hebelka, Hassick, McKitish and Beck. Also present were Attorney Ashley, Township Solicitor; Ms. Sopka, Director of Planning & Zoning and Mr. Soriano, Township Manager.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion of Mr. McKitish, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to approve the February 8, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted.

3145 Lehigh St - Conditional Use Application

Conditional Use Application review of the proposed Temporary Use by TNT Fireworks to conduct retail sales of sparklers and firework novelties in the parking area of 3145 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA located in the (C3) General Commercial District.

Present were Deborah Ivans, Area Manager for TNT Fireworks.

Ms. Sopka provided aerial views of the requested temporary tent location. Ms. Sopka read the correspondence from Chief Stiles stating Pennsylvania Commonwealth law regulates firework merchandise that mainly consist of “non-explosive” fireworks.

Mr. McKitish requested clarification of the products being sold. Ms. Ivans did respond stating the list of merchandise provided such as sparklers and novelty fireworks are governed under the law in Pennsylvania. Attorney Ashley stated that permission can be granted with the condition that the products sold complies only of items that Pennsylvania residents can purchase.

Mr. Hebelka inquired about the other municipalities located near the proposed tent. Ms. Sopka stated that both Allentown and Emmaus were notified on the proposed temporary tent for firework sales. Ms. Ivans indicated that TNT Fireworks will provide 24 hour security, two on-site ABC fire extinguishers, a restroom facility, displayed No Smoking signs and trash removal.

A motion was made Mr. McKitish, seconded by Mr. Licht, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to grant the request for the Temporary Use of selling fireworks subject to the condition that the only devices sold will be limited to those that could be legally sold to Pennsylvania residents and must adhere to all Federal, State and Local regulations. All in favor.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Sopka reminded the Planning Commission of the Public Meeting regarding the Salisbury Township Comprehensive Plan will be conducted at the Salisbury Township Municipal Offices on April 26, 2011

starting at 7:00 PM (doors will open at 6:30 PM). Mr. Soriano stated that the purpose of this meeting is for public participation, seeking information, suggestions and recommendations, no action will be taken at that time. URDC will provide a presentation with an update of what is completed to date.

Presentation of Master Site Plan for Lindberg Park

Presentation of Master Site Plan for Lindberg Park was conducted by Randy Soriano, Township Manager for consideration of a Motion to support the submission of PA DCNR Grant Application for the development of a Master Site Plan for Lindberg Park.

Mr. Soriano stated that with the PA DCNR Grant Application, the Township would like to proceed with a Neighborhood Community Study. This study would be beneficial and applied to the future developments of the existing Township Parks.

Mr. Soriano stated that this grant is a 50/50 match. Mr. Soriano would like to seek additional partners to offset the cost to the Township.

The idea of this site plan is to take the parks existing features and improve them including making them American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) accessible, to renovate the existing pavilion and incorporate the “go green” and sustainability idea with the development of the park. The grant requires discussion of the project with the recreational advisor. The Recreational Advisory Committee has been advised and made recommendation for the continuance of the grant submission.

Discussion continued regarding the master site plan providing a walking/fitness trail, envisions of a fitness station for a healthier community, enhance the gateway and provide gateway signs, ideas to connect the pathway to the Lehigh Valley Parkway and City of Allentown, etc. and its budget. Mr. Soriano stated that it is a very competitive grant and is looking for support and authorization of the Planning Commission to move forward with the submission of the grant application to DCNR.

Motion was made by the Planning Commission to support the submission of the PA DCNR Grant Application for the development of a Master Site Plan for Lindberg Park. All in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.