East Franklin Township Planning Commission Minutes of April 25, 2022 meeting

Planning Commission members in attendance: Chris Remaley, Doug Flanders, Tim Medice, Turney Luke, Cheryl Mechling and Gregg Rumbaugh.

Also in attendance was Greg McKelvey, Zoning Officer.

Minutes of the March 28 meeting were reviewed, motion to approve C. Mechling with a second from D. Flanders. Minutes approved.

A new member Gregg Rumbaugh, of 102 Elm Drive, Kittanning was welcomed to the Commission. Rumbaugh will replace D. Waugaman who resigned due to health issues. G. Rumbaugh is employed with Rosebud Mining.

New Business:

The Commission reviewed three permits that had been issued since the March meeting.

C. Remaley and G. McKelvey reviewed the zoning permit issued and engineered drawings for the development of a new Arby's restaurant along Westgate Drive in Franklin Village. The project has been actually years in the making (pre pandemic) but from the Township level both a demolition permit (for the former Citizens Bank branch) and a zoning permit for a new restaurant has been issued. No definitive timeline on when demolition and construction is to start.

T. Medice expressed some concern of the traffic pattern with additional traffic at this site. The issue will be reviewed internally and if recommended communication will be made with the Franklin Village mall management.

Old Business:

C. Remaley reported on a meeting held March 30 with County Planning regarding potential residential development along Wible Road in the West Hills Industrial Park. Chris, G. McKelvey and Dave Stewart attended the meeting. At present the County has outlined four potential residential lots but they are flexible depending upon a buyer's desire on lot size. The sites can be serviced by the current water and sewage providers. The entire Phase III parcel of 89 Acres could potentially be used for residential development if market demand exists.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Greg McKelvey Zoning Officer